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Pinay lawyer to defend Nora in US drug charges

By Volt Contreras

THE FILIPINO lawyer helping superstar Nora Aunor face drug charges in California does not exactly consider herself a fan, but says it's more than just her professional duty to defend someone "closely tied to our history and culture."

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There's no more hope, doctors say

VATICAN CITY—Pope John Paul slipped in and out of consciousness and his general condition remained extremely serious on Saturday but the Vatican denied he had sunk into a coma.

"When he speaks, his eyes are open and he remains conscious, but at times he seems to be sleeping ... Technically I would exclude a comatose state," spokesperson Joaquin Navarro-Valls said.

Cable network CNN quoted one cardinal as saying that "the Pope is now speaking to God."

Just as the Pontiff began what a priest called "the very last leg of his journey of life and of faith," Vatican administrator Cardinal Marcio Francesco Pompedda visited him on Friday and said John Paul opened his eyes and smiled.

"I understood he recognized me. It was a wonderful smile—I'll remember it forever. It was a benevolent smile—a father-like smile," Pompedda said.

Navarro-Valls told journalists the overall condition of the Pope, whose health began to deteriorate on Thursday, remained "very serious."

"As of this morning at dawn, we are noticing that his state of consciousness is compromised. This absolutely does not mean he is in a coma," Navarro-Valls said.

Cardinal Javier Lozano Barragan, head of the Vatican's health care office, told Mexico's Televisa dal Vaticano that the Pope "is about to die."

"I talked to the doctors and they told me there is no more hope," the Mexican cardinal told the television channel.

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PARTNERS IN PEOPLE POWER: The Pope supported the call to the people of then Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin to support and protect the military group that broke away from the Marcos dictatorship. NOLI YAMSUAN

World at Pope's bedside

Outpouring of love goes with him in his journey to immortality

"PHENOMENAL," the Pope called the Filipinos during his second visit here Jan. 12-16, 1995 when he drew from four to five million people at the Luneta for the closing rites of the 10th World Youth Day, reportedly the biggest in the history of his peripatetic papacy. The crowd was so thick there was no way he could have used the specially-designed, Filipino-made "popemobile," and he had to be helicoptered into the area. The Pope later said he would like to return "every year." NOLI YAMSUAN/CONTRIBUTOR

THE WORLD was at his bedside as Pope John Paul II lingered at death's door yesterday.

Expressions of anxiety, fear, hope and love poured in not only from Roman Catholics but from Protestants, Jews, Muslims, Buddhists, Shintoists and atheists, as well.

Even the Turkish extremist who tried to assassinate John Paul in 1981 prayed for the man he called his "brother."

Messages of concern came even from China, which does not allow its Catholics to recognize the Vatican's authority.

"China expresses its concern and hopes the Pope can get meticulous medical treatment, recover and restore his health," a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson said as a small group of local religious leaders and worshippers prayed for the pontiff.

China's Communist rulers do not allow Catholics to recognize papal authority and force Christians to belong to state-backed patriotic associations if they want to worship openly.

China, which has about 8 million Catholics, broke ties with the Vatican in the 1950s after expelling foreign clergy. The Holy See recognizes Beijing's diplomatic rival, Taipei.

Russian newspapers spoke about the important part John Paul played in the downfall of communism in eastern Europe.

The official government daily Rossiiskaya Gazeta noted the close, personal relationship that existed between former Russian President Boris Yeltsin and his successor Vladimir Putin, and John Paul.

"When they come to the Vatican, even accomplished atheists convinced that in this life, you can only count on yourself, change at a glance ... Such was the case with [Yeltsin and Putin] ... and with members of the Russian delegations of

WORLD/ A8

John Paul has passionate love affair with Filipinos

By Lito B. Zulueta

IF FILIPINOS are tearfully and unabashedly storming heaven with prayers to save Pope John Paul II, it is because they hold close to their hearts the man who gifted them with not one but two papal visits in his long pontificate.

He would have loved to make a third visit, but illness and terrorist threats prevented him from doing so.

"We will always remember him with love for those two papal visits," said Fr. Fausto Gomez, OP, former dean of theology of the Ecclesiastical Faculties of the University of Santo Tomas.

Gomez called the visits "incredible," explaining that the first visit (on Feb. 17-22, 1981) was marked by the beatification of Lorenzo Ruiz and his martyr-companions at the Rizal Park, the first such ceremony ever outside Rome, and the second visit (on Jan. 12-16, 1995), by the biggest crowd in history.

"His would be remembered as a rich papacy," Gomez said. "Time magazine was right when, in [choosing] the Pope as its man of the year in 1994, it wrote, 'He generates electricity unmatched by anyone.'"

Gomez described the Pontiff as "the missionary of the world" for his frequent world travels that spanned the length and breadth of the Christian message.

By visiting the Philippines twice, the Pope emphasized the Philippines' importance to the Church of the world, the Dominican said, adding:

"He showed that the Philippines is the pulpit for Asia. He spoke radical words regarding social justice, preferential option for the poor, promotion of human rights and religious freedom. He emphasized both sexual morals and social ethics. The world was really his parish."

Gomez, who had met the Pope several times and even celebrated Mass with him at Castel Gandolfo, the papal summer home, said John Paul also held the Philippines close to his heart.

Often in Rome to attend meetings of the Pontifical Academy for Life, Gomez said the Pope would brighten up on hearing mention of the Philippines, which had always given him a source of

JOHN PAUL/ A21

The mourning after, search for successor begins

A LOOK at the process in mourning the death of a pope and electing his successor:

DEATH: A pronouncement of death is made in Latin and is certified by a physician. The camerlengo, or chamberlain, then calls out the pontiff's baptismal name—"Karol" for Pope John Paul II—three times in a ritual to confirm there is no response.

In the past, the camerlengo struck a silver hammer against the pope's forehead to confirm his death, but it's unclear if the ritual is still active.

The camerlengo then destroys the symbols of that papacy: the "Pescatorio," or Ring of the Fisherman, and the dies used to make lead seals for apostolic letters.

The pope's quarters are sealed and funeral arrangements are begun.

Spanish Cardinal Eduardo Martinez Somalo, 78, has been the camerlengo since 1993.

Vatican flags fly at half-staff. According to tradition, the Bronze Door at St. Peter's Basilica is closed.

MOURNING PERIOD: An official nine-day mourning period, known as the "novemdiales," follows the death of a pope. The tradition dates from ancient Rome and a ceremony held nine days after a death. The pope's body lies in state in St. Peter's Basilica in the Clementine Chapel, which was begun by Michelangelo and completed by Giacomo Della Porta for the Jubilee in 1600.

THE FUNERAL: The funeral and burial must be held between the fourth and sixth day after death except for unspecified "special reasons," according to rules established in 1996. Weather permitting, it would be held in St. Peter's Square.

Many of the world's leaders and other dignitaries would likely attend. Also on hand would be many of the Cardinals, who select the new Pope.

BURIAL: Most popes in recent centuries have chosen to be buried beneath St. Peter's Basilica. After the funeral, their lead-lined coffins—which can weigh close to a half ton—were carried through the "door of death" on the left side of the main altar in the basilica.

A single bell tolled. The coffin was lowered into a marble sarcophagus and covered by a huge stone slab.

The Vatican has not clarified whether Pope John Paul II seeks such a burial.

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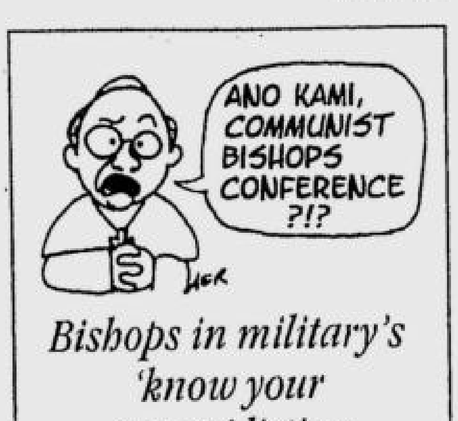

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Bishops in military's 'know your enemy' listing

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE MILITARY is apparently seeing the enemy in anything that moves, including pillars of the Church.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines is reportedly among the 26 groups described as enemies of the state in a military document titled "Knowing Your Enemy."

The document, which is in the form of a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation, is being circulated in

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.

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Caltex, Total hike prices anew

MAJOR oil importers Caltex and Total yesterday increased their gasoline, diesel and kerosene prices by 50 centavos a liter, the fifth price hike in a month and the second this week.

Oil refiner Pilipinas Shell also announced an increase in its petroleum products' prices, also by 50 centavos per liter, to take effect today.

The domestic oil companies justified the new increased price levels to the surging price of oil in the world market.

Department of Energy data showed regional benchmark Dubai crude prices shooting up to a March 1 to March 29 average of $45.72 a barrel, from $39.87 a barrel in February.

The price of unleaded gasoline, based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products, also surged to a March 1 to March 29 average of $59.45 per barrel, more than $5 higher than the February average of $54.27 a barrel.

MOPS-based diesel also hit a high $67.14-a-barrel average in the first 29 days of March from an average of $55.63 a barrel in February.

Since the start of the year, gasoline prices have gone up six times by a total of P3.10 a liter, while prices of diesel fuel have increased seven times by a total of P3.30 a liter. *Abigail L. Ho*

Palace giving up on new special session for VAT

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

MALACAÑANG has apparently given up the idea of calling another special session of Congress to rush Senate approval of the expanded value-added tax after coming up empty in the just-concluded special three-day session.

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye yesterday said the Palace was now looking to the regular Congress session to approve the vital tax measure.

"There really wasn't enough time. We hope to have continuous deliberations [in the regular session] and we hope for an approval of the Senate version of the VAT," said Bunye in an RMN radio interview.

"Anyway, it is just a few more days between now and April 11 (the resumption of Congress sessions)," he said.

An exasperated President Macapagal-Arroyo last week threatened to call Congress, which is on its Holy Week recess, to an endless series of special sessions until the VAT measure is approved.

She called for a special session from March 30 to April 1 after the Senate failed to approve its version of the VAT reforms before Congress went into recess last March 18.

Despite pressure being made to bear on the Senate through full-page newspaper advertisements and backroom negotiations, the special session ended without the VAT measure being passed.

The senators said they wanted more time to discuss the VAT reforms being proposed such as raising the rate from 10 percent to 12 percent and determining what sectors or industries would be stripped of their VAT exemptions.

Business leaders dismayed

Business leaders, who had been appealing to the senators' sense of patriotism to approve the VAT measure, were disappointed and dismayed at the outcome, said Philippine Exporters Confederation president Sergio Ortiz-Luis.

He said that while some senators were clearly serious about their role in scrutinizing the VAT bills, some were obviously avoiding being stigmatized by the measure's unpopularity that could affect their chances of being reelected in 2007.

Francis Chug, executive vice president of the Federation of Filipino Chinese Chamber of Commerce, said it would probably be more prudent for the President to just wait for resumption of Congress' regular session "so that she won't be perceived as influencing the Senate."

Bunye said the special session was not a complete waste of time as the senators were able to have three days of consultations and briefings.

"I think whatever issues were unclear at the start have been all clarified during the special session," he said.

He said squeezing in another special session before Congress reopens on April 11 would be impracticable as the legislators would be busy with the Inter-Parliamentary Union which the Philippines is hosting from April 3 to 8.

Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, meanwhile, said his Senate colleagues were set to pass a version of the VAT bill that would maintain the rate at 10 percent but expand VAT coverage to petroleum products and independent power producers.

'Too much of a burden'

Increasing the VAT rate to 12 percent would be "too much of a burden," Enrile told the weekly Kapihan sa Sulo breakfast forum.

"It will be politically explosive. The people will not understand. What they will understand is that the government is compounding their sufferings," the senator said.

Enrile said there was no need for the President to call for another special session as the senators have already concluded their debates on the expanded VAT.

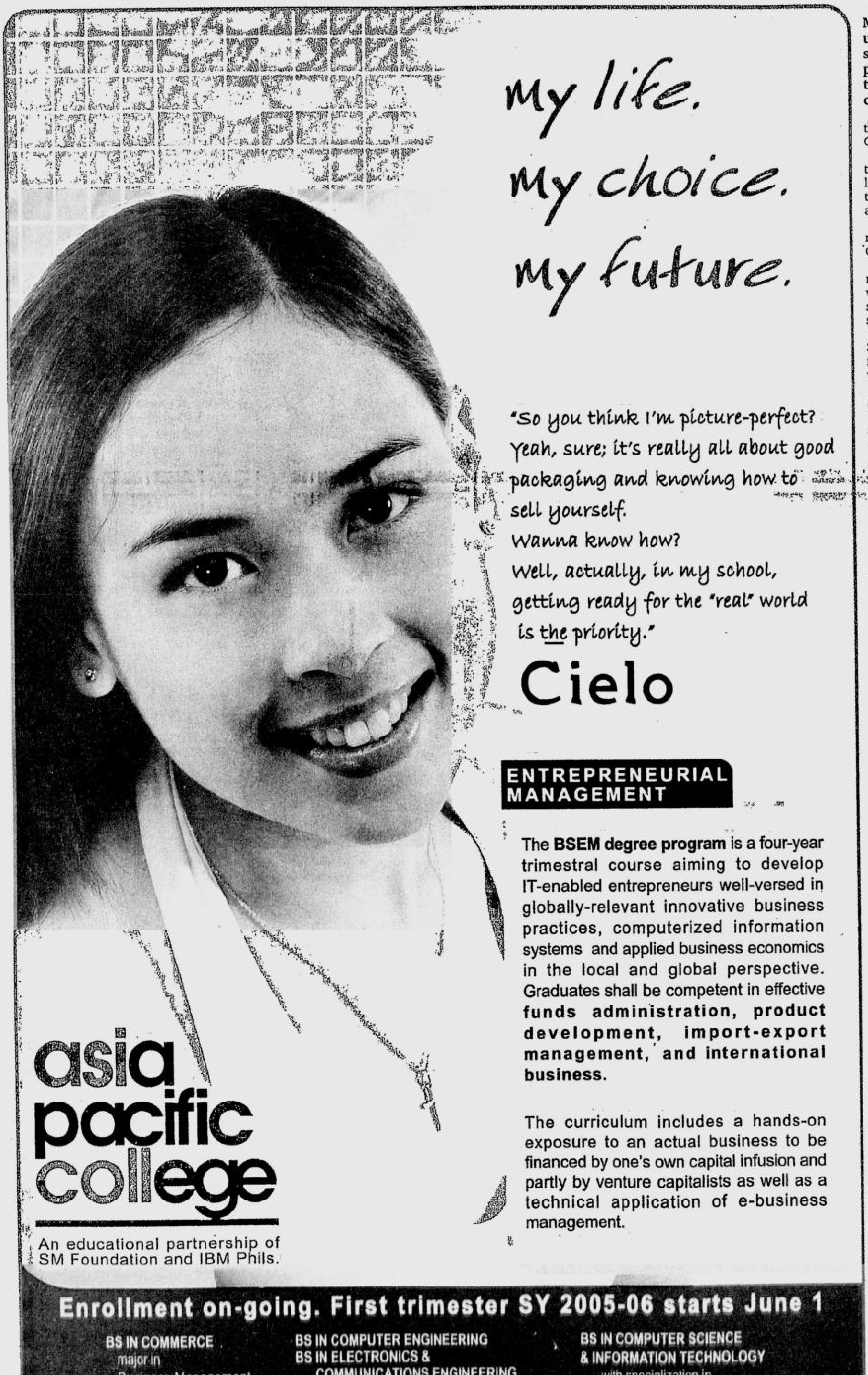
"My advice to the administration is to just wait for the regular session, since it is already near. It's certain that the VAT will be passed when Congress resumes its session," he said.

House leaders yesterday said they were disappointed with the Senate's failure to pass the VAT bill.

Antique Rep. Exequiel Javier, vice chair of the committee on ways and means, said the special session was a show in which the senators gave a dismal performance.

"They didn't stop the clock even after bragging they were willing to work late just to finish the much-delayed VAT bill," he said.

"Based on government computations, the delayed Senate action would mean P2.4 billion in revenue loss or P1.2 billion a week which excludes losses from foregone economic opportunities," Javier said. *With a report from Norman Bordadora and Philip C. Tubeza*



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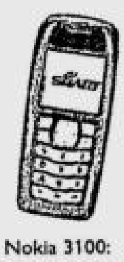
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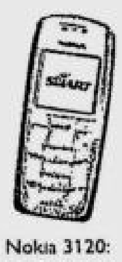
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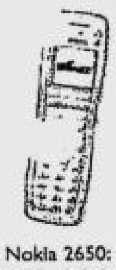
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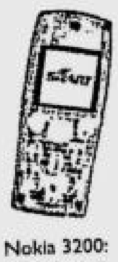
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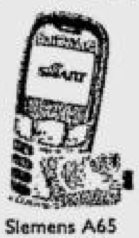
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CHANGING OF THE GUARD

PNB president stepping down

By Doris C. Dumlao

A CHANGING of the guard looms in the semi-government Philippine National Bank with president Lorenzo Tan announcing that he would be leaving the bank on April 10.

Tan's resignation followed a recent government announcement that it intends to sell within the year its 45- percent stake in the PNB, which it jointly owns with tobacco and beer magnate Lucio Tan.

The PNB released this statement yesterday: "Mr. Tan tendered his resignation to the PNB board, advising them of his decision to move toward some of the goals he has set for his career by exploring opportunities with a foreign institution."

Industry sources said Tan's contract was to expire soon and the bank's shareholders apparently did not offer to renew his term.

Tan was president of the United Coconut Planters Bank when he took the top post at the PNB on April 10, 2002 at the invitation of the bank's two major shareholders— the state-owned Philippine Deposit Insurance Corp. and the Lucio Tan group.

Tan, who is not related to Lucio Tan, was said to be the government's choice for the post. At the time, the PDIC had just infused P7.8 billion in equity into the bank in the form of preferred shares.

Tan's principal mandate was to carry out a five-year rehabilitation program and turn around the finances of the loss-making PNB, at one time the country's biggest bank.

Last year, under Tan's stewardship, the PNB registered profits for the second straight year, with net profits more than doubling to P353 million from P168 million in 2003.

The PNB credited Tan's adoption of the "good bank-bad bank" strategy as having enabled the bank to resume operating in the black.

"Tan was able to attract a number of highly qualified senior officers from other banks to join him in the bank's rehabilitation. Together with the bank's existing cadre of seasoned officers, the bank has in place a strong management team to sustain the growth in resources and profitability of the bank," the PNB statement said.

It said the bank's board of directors was deeply appreciative of Tan's "efforts and dedication toward the turnaround of the bank and wished him all the best in his future endeavors."

When he announced last month the government's intention to sell its stake in the PNB, Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima said it was the right time to do it as the bank was now over its financial troubles.

Purisima said this was part of an aggressive policy of privatization as the government should not be engaging in the business of banking.

Lucio Tan is said to be keen to sell jointly with the government at least 67 percent of their combined stake in the PNB.

In a recent roundtable discussion with INQUIRER business editors, Lucio Tan ruled out his retaking a dominant stake in the bank as he said he had "no money" to buy out the government's stake.

Fake ages? 3 AFP officers under probe

By Fe Zamora

THREE officers—two from the Air Force and one from the Army—have been questioned for allegedly faking their retirement ages, according to an INQUIRER source in the Armed Forces.

The source identified the PAF officers as Maj. Gen. Alamillo, AFP deputy chief of staff for plans, and Maj. Gen. Emmanuel Jimenez , chief of the 710th Special Operations Wing. The Army officer was identified as Maj. Gen. Alexander Aleo, formerly a camp commander in Camp Aguinaldo.

Earlier, the military ordered court martial proceedings against Air Force Maj. Gen. Ralph Flores for allegedly faking his retirement age, making it appear that he had not yet reached the mandatory retirement age of 56.

Rear Admiral Mateo Mayuga, AFP deputy chief of staff for personnel, denied that Aleo, Alamillo and Jimenez had fudged their birth dates to make it appear they were younger and could still remain in active duty.

But Mayuga also admitted that Aleo "had a problem" because "he was born in the Mt. Province and he was not registered upon birth."

Despite the missing vital document, Aleo was admitted to the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) using an affidavit from "two disinterested persons who attested that he (Aleo) was born on such a date," Mayuga explained.

A PMA alumni registry listed Aleo, who was a member of Class of 1975, as being born on September 19, 1951.

"There were many of us who were accepted even without an official copy of the birth certificate," Mayuga said, adding that he was accepted on the same circumstances.

He said Aleo "had not been retired" but was in fact on his way to a new assignment in Mindanao.

According to Mayuga, Alamillo and Jimenez are also "within the age for active duty."

"They are still on active duty. I should know because they are my classmates," he said.

Mayuga, Alamillo and Jimenez graduated from the PMA in 1973. Air Force chief Lt. Gen. Jose Reyes also belonged to Class of 1973.

As a result of the Flores case, the military launched a review on the birth certificates and the retirement ages of the generals, according to Mayuga.

"We not only rely on their birth certificates, we also ask them to sign sworn affidavits that they were really born on that year," he said.

FPJ backers to take the fight to streets

By Norman Bordadora

SUPPORTERS of the late actor and defeated presidential candidate Fernando Poe Jr., yesterday said their camp did not expect anything substantial after filing a motion for reconsideration with the Presidential Electoral Tribunal.

Linggoy Alcuaz, spokesperson of the National Council of Concerned Volunteers, said the late actor's supporters would rather stage protest actions than wait for the PET to overturn its decision dismissing FPJ's widow Susan Roces' petition to be substitute protestant in Poe's protest versus President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"We have no other option. In a situation where the decision is [unanimous], we won't make any headway if we pin our hopes on the motion for reconsideration," Alcuaz said in a weekly breakfast forum yesterday.

Actor Rez Cortez, an official of the NCCV, said they were looking at people power as a possible action.

Opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, a member of Poe's Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino ticket in the last elections, said the PET's decision is "perfectly legal" and Poe's supporters had no other recourse but to present their case to the people.

"When Fernando Poe Jr. died, his protest died with him. [Speaking] as a lawyer, the action of the Supreme Court as presidential electoral tribunal is legally correct," Enrile said.

He said that he still did not know the opposition's plans in the wake of the electoral protest dismissal.

If the decision of the PET did not sit well with the people, "the only available remedy is to take action themselves," Enrile said, "and I won't advocate that."

Last week, deposed President Joseph Estrada vowed to continue the fight of the opposition for the restoration of the Constitution and the rule of law as he formally accepted the position of "chairman emeritus" of the United Opposition (UNO).

In a message to the UNO leaders during their meeting at Club Filipino, Estrada recalled that during the wake of his friend Poe at Sto. Domingo Church he (Estrada) pledged to continue the fight.

"*Alam nating lahat kung ano ang dapat nating gawin* (We all know what we have to do), let's do it as one," Estrada said.

Pope appoints 2 new RP bishops

By Jerome Aning

POPE John Paul II had named new bishops for the dioceses of San Fernando City, La Union and Legazpi City in what might have been his last appointments as Pontiff.

Bishop Artemio Rillera SVD of Bangued in Abra was transferred to San Fernando City, while Noel Cariño, auxiliary bishop of Daet, Camarines Norte, was named new prelate of Legazpi City.

The appointments, announced in the Vatican Friday, nearly went unnoticed as the media concentrated its reporting on the Pope's grave condition.

Aside from Rillera and Cariño, the Pope also appointed two other new bishops in Mozambique and Nicaragua.

New apostolic nuncios, or papal representatives, to New Zealand and Japan were also named, while the resignations of two bishops were accepted.

Cariño succeeds Bishop Jose Sorra, who recently turned 75 the retirement age under Church law. Sorra was Legazpi bishop since 1993.

Rillera will fill up the San Fernando episcopal seat that had been vacant since November 1993 when Antonio Tobias was named bishop of the newly created Diocese of Novaliches in Metro Manila.

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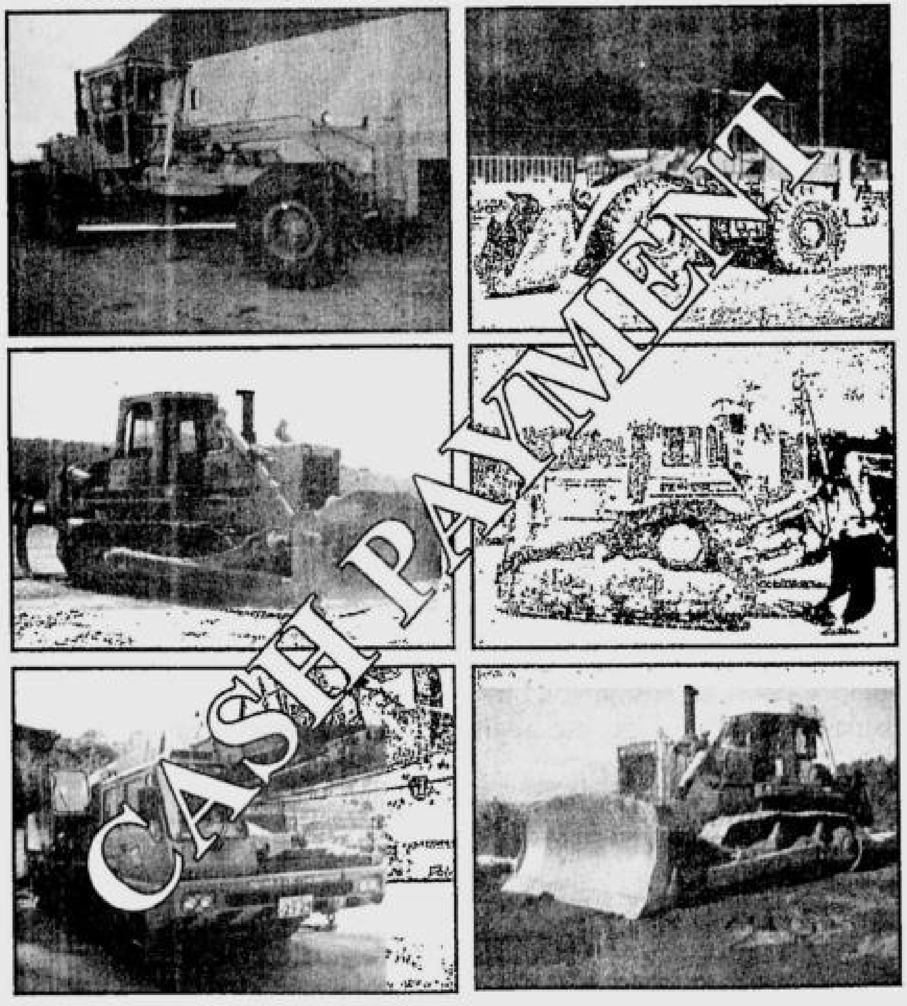

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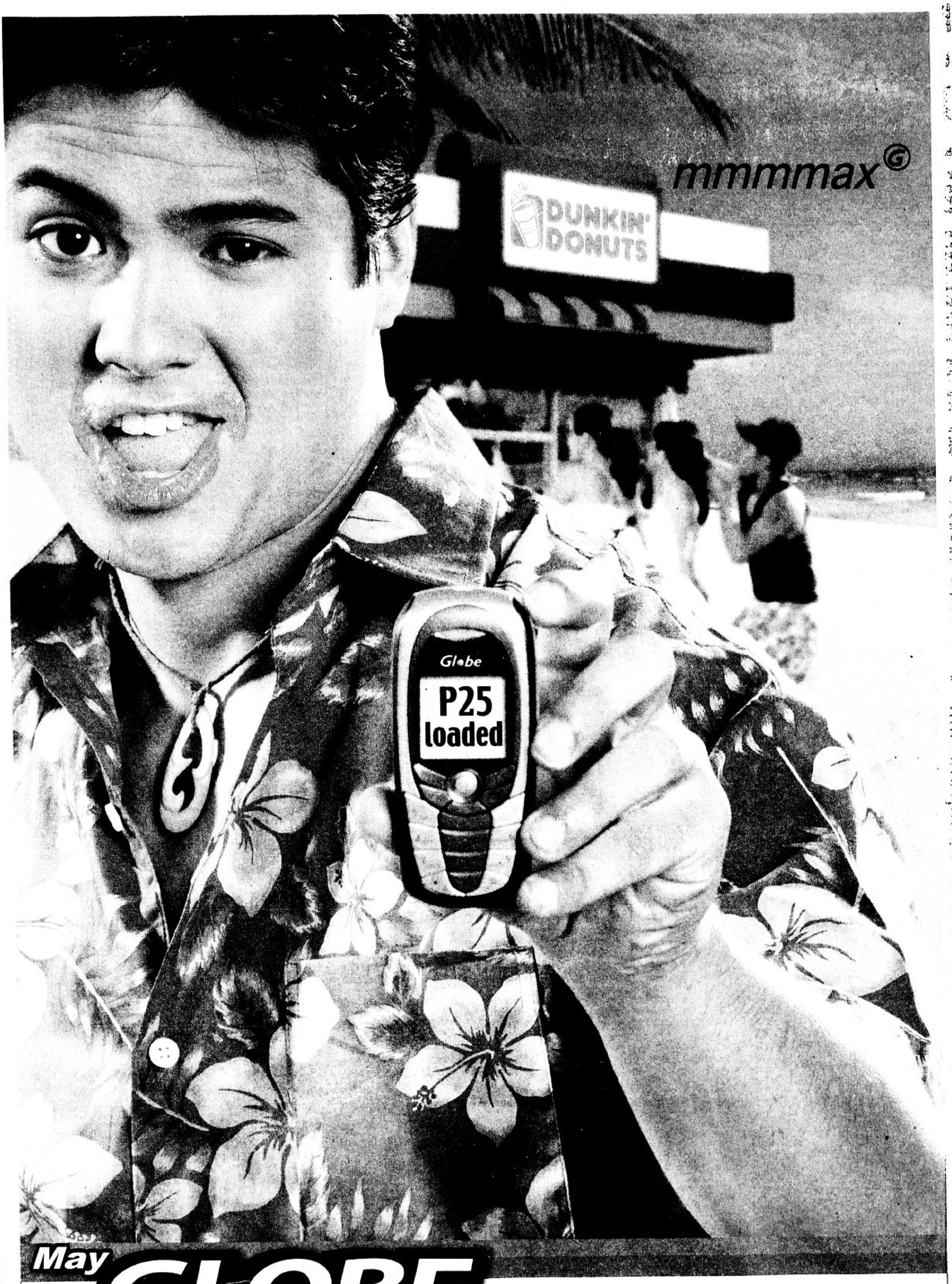

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President Macapagal-Arroyo views the facilities of the Turemo Philippines Corporation during yesterday's visit to the Laguna Technopark in Biñan, Laguna. With her is Tsuneo Taida, director and managing executive officer of the Japanese firm, which produces syringes, catheters and other medical equipment and supplies. MALACAÑANG PHOTO

Ex-DAR chief cries foul over 'trial by publicity'

A FORMER acting agrarian reform secretary who was placed under preventive suspension yesterday accused the Office of the Ombudsman of subjecting him to "trial by publicity" over a graft complaint that had been "allowed to prosper in spite of inaccuracies of fact."

Jose Mari B. Ponce, who is now acting chair, administrator and chief executive officer of the Cagayan Economic Zone Authority (Ceza), was placed on a six-month preventive suspension by the Ombudsman while being investigated for alleged ill-gotten wealth.

Ombudsman investigators said Ponce had allegedly acquired wealth beyond his lawful means and had allegedly concealed the extent of his assets in the statements of assets and liabilities that he had filed for several years.

In a press statement yesterday, Ponce decried the Ombudsman's action against him based on an anonymous complaint filed on Nov. 12, 2004.

He said the Ombudsman's investigators did not take into consideration his counter-affidavit of Feb. 18, 2005 in which he categorically denied hiding any assets or liabilities or made "willful and deliberate assertion of falsehood" in his SALN.

"I showed proof, among others, that I and my wife have other legitimate sources of income from businesses— Inplan Consultants; Cagayan Satellite Program Network Inc., a cable TV service provider; a toy, video and barber shop, etc.—from which my family derives adequate financial support and which could satisfactorily explain increases in net worth," he said.

Ponce also contested the charge of perjury over his alleged failure to declare a property in Ferndale Homes in Quezon City in his SALN.

"There could not have been any perjury because the title to the Ferndale property was delivered to me only in February 2002. How could I have declared ownership of this property in 2001 when, in truth and fact, I never had any title to it?" he said.

He argued that the basis for his preventive suspension— to prevent him from tampering with records or influencing potential witnesses—was moot and academic as he was no longer connected with the DAR.

Ponce, who has been in government service for 20 years, served as acting agrarian reform secretary from Feb. 23 to Aug. 18, 2004. He assumed his Ceza post on Jan. 1, 2005.

Ponce said he would be filing a motion for reconsideration with the Ombudsman's office.

Asean legislators take common stand vs Burma

By Juliet Labog-Javellana, Philip Tubeza and Delfin Mallari Jr.,
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

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THE IMAGE of Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi dominates the exhibit launched yesterday by the Philippine Parliamentary Caucus on Myanmar and the Asean Inter-Parliamentary Myanmar Caucus at the Century Park. VAL HANDUMON

FILIPINO and other legislators from Southeast Asia agreed yesterday to take a common stand on Burma, bringing more pressure on the military junta to free opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi and respect human rights.

The group of legislators from the Association of Southeast Asian Nations adopted a joint resolution urging the 145-member Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) to support the bloc's initiative to step up international pressure on Burma, also known as Myanmar.

IPU, the 116-year-old association of parliaments of democracies around the world, opens its 112th general assembly at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City tonight.

The Burma issue is not on the agenda of the IPU, to be attended by at least 700 lawmakers from 144 countries across the globe. The Philippines is hosting the IPU for the first time since the group was established in 1889.

President Macapagal-Arroyo will deliver the keynote speech during the opening ceremonies at the PICC at 7:30 this evening, while Senate President Franklin Drilon is expected to be elected president of the IPU assembly.

"We view the lack of democratic reforms in Myanmar with deep concern," Wang Kai Yuen, a member of Singapore's parliament, told a press conference.

Datuk Zaid Ibrahim, a Malaysian lawmaker and head of the Asean Inter-Parliamentary Myanmar Caucus, said he had sent letters to Southeast Asian foreign ministers to compel Burma to honor its commitment to implement democratic reforms.

Asean foreign ministers are due to meet on Mactan island to discuss preparations for a historic East Asian Summit in Malaysia later this year and other issues like security, economic integration, bird flu and tsunami relief.

Asean includes Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Asean drew out Burma from isolation in 1997, taking a more conciliatory approach of "constructive engagement" with the country's reclusive generals, a diplomatic move which lawmakers described as "no longer effective."

There are now signs Asean is taking the gloves off, frustrated over the pace of democratic reform in Burma and worried about hurting the bloc's ties with wealthier Europe and the United States.

Speaker Jose De Venecia called for the release of Suu Kyi and urged the creation of a unity government between the opposition and the military junta in Burma.

De Venecia said his proposal could lead to a "negotiated political settlement, break Myanmar's long-running political deadlock and ultimately bring in the insurgent forces." *With Reuters*

Cops on full alert for IPU

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan and Jocelyn R. Uy

THE PHILIPPINE National Police goes on full alert once more for the opening today of the 112th International Parliamentary Union (IPU) which Manila is hosting for the first time since the conference was established in 1886.

"The security preparations are the same as those we undertook during the Holy Week," PNP spokesman Senior Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil said yesterday.

"We are 'under pressure.' Our goal is to be able to finish the event successfully without any untoward incidents," Chief Supt. Wilfredo Garcia Jr., Southern Police District (SPD) director, said yesterday.

Garcia said the traffic route from the airport to the hotels—Pasay City, Makati City and along the Bay Area—where the parliamentarians would be staying for six days and the route to the PICC had already been secured.

Who killed Jerson: Murder triggers web of scandals, intrigue

IMAGINE yourself in a crowded bar in Makati, nursing a glass of GSM Blue and watching nightcrawlers parade in their fashionista best. Suddenly, you hear gunshots. There's been a murder in the parking lot of the Purple Pear—a.k.a. Absinth Bar in Greenbelt 3. Police officers round up six suspects for the mysterious death of 28-year-old Jerson Morales.

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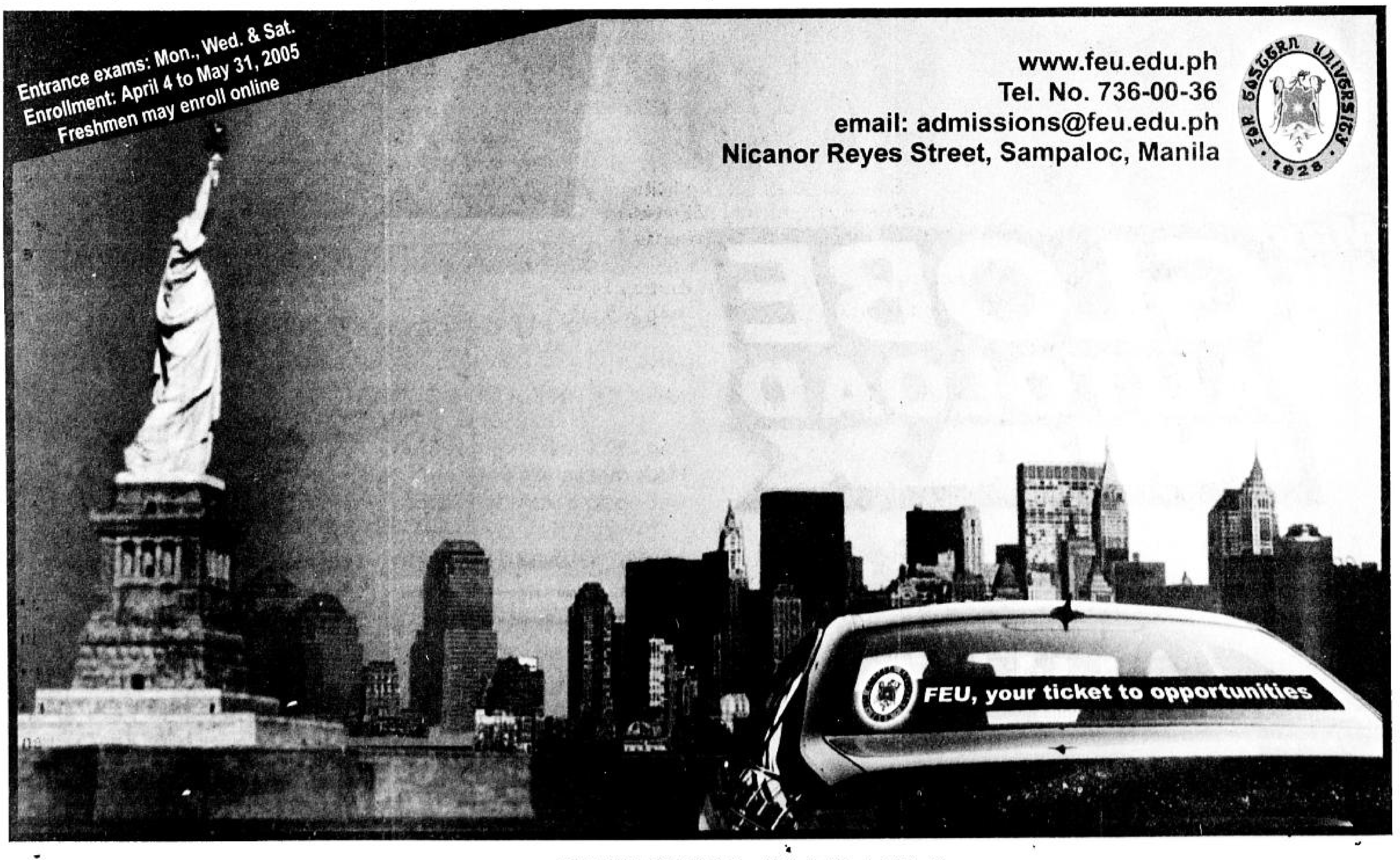
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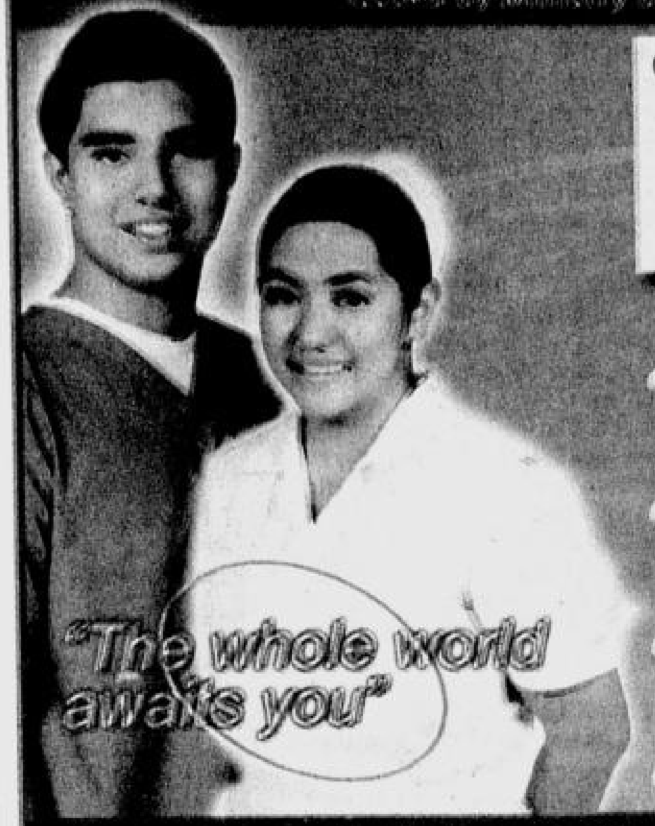
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World at Pope's bedside

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both presidents who were fortunate enough to be granted an audience with Pope John Paul II," Rossiiskaya Gazeta wrote.

In Havana, Cuba, self-described communist Victor Hugo Pares said: "I don't believe in God. But if there is a God, let him send us a pope as good as this one."

In Istanbul, the lawyer for Mehmet Ali Agca said the Pope's would-be Turkish assassin was praying in his Istanbul prison cell for the man he shot more than two decades ago.

"My client is very sad," lawyer Mustafa Demirbag said in a telephone interview. "His thoughts are with his brother, the Pope, and he is praying for him."

Agca, 47, was "deeply touched" by news of John Paul II's rapidly deteriorating health and "wishes him a speedy recovery," the lawyer said.

Statesmen, simple folk

Agca was 23 and on the run from the Turkish police when he opened fire on the Pope at St. Peter's Square as the Pontiff was headed for an audience in an open vehicle. Agca's motives remain unclear.

The Pope was seriously wounded in the abdomen and Agca spent the next 19 years in Italian prisons before being extradited to Turkey in 2000.

Upon his return to Turkey, Agca, who was forgiven by John Paul II, was sentenced to seven-and-a-half years in jail for a bank robbery committed in the 1970s and to life imprisonment for murdering a prominent Turkish journalist.

Other non-Catholics, from statesmen to simple folk, embraced John Paul, crediting him for ending wars, spreading democracy and combating religious animosity.

'He was American'

In Washington, the White House said President George W. Bush and his wife were praying for the Pope and that the world's concern was "a testimony to his greatness."

Special Masses were held across the United States, where the Pope has retained a devoted following among the country's 65 million Catholics despite his traditional views against abortion and women priests.

Said US Cardinal Theodore McCarrick: "In a certain sense, he was American."

Parishioners at Los Angeles' cathedral wept on being told that John Paul's death was "imminent."

A giant

The regular crowd at noon Mass at the Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago swelled with tourists and workers.

"I'm Presbyterian, but it doesn't matter," said Mary Lou Manning, 69, who sat in a back pew. "I love the Pope."

"He's a giant," Susan Tassone, 52, said. "He's going to be a saint. Beyond a saint, they call him The Great."

In India, where a little more than 2 percent of the billion-plus population are Christians, the Hindu Times reported "Pope's condition worsens, enters terminal phase" while the Times of India said: "Pope lives between life and immortality—third longest papal reign nears end."

Three of the five major newspapers in Shinto-dominated Japan carried front page reports on the state of the Pope's health.

Muslims, Jews

Dozens of children joined special prayers and sang for the Pope in Multan, Pakistan, a mainly Muslim country where Christians make up about 3 percent of the 150 million population.

"This is a person who dedicated his life to teaching all of us that we have a fundamental obligation to respect one another just because we are the children of God," chief rabbi Michael Schudrich said in Poland.

Anguished wait

Roman Catholics around the world waited and prayed as John Paul headed toward the end of his 26-year reign that helped undermine Soviet communism and vigorously upheld long-standing Vatican doctrines.

Lighting candles, kneeling on cobblestones and weeping, tens of thousands of faithful kept a pre-dawn vigil Saturday outside the papal apartments, watching the top-floor windows for clues about his health.

"Stay with us. Don't leave us," the crowds chanted, many people weeping uncontrollably as they stared up at the papal apartments, where just two lights blazed.

"This evening or tonight, Christ opens the doors to the Pope," Monsignor Angelo Comastri said in St Peter's Square as he lead a prayer session.

Police estimated that as many as 70,000 people were in the vast, floodlit square as Saturday dawned.

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"Now he prepares to meet the Lord," Cardinal Francis George said at a Mass in Chicago. "As the portals of death open for him, as they will for each of us ... we must accompany him with our own prayers."

Catholics across Asia flocked to churches to pray for the Pope, even as they braced themselves for the death of the man Philippine President Macapagal-Arroyo said was "a lasting source of strength in a troubled world".

Visiting rural areas in Bataan province, Bishop of Balanga Socrates Villegas said he was "touched that simple barrio people cared for the Pope."

In American Samoa, parliamentarians held a moment's silence after hearing inaccurate media reports that the Pope was already dead.

The Pope's condition was front page news even in countries with small Catholic populations, as the world waits transfixed for developments on his fight for life.

Australia, Africa

In Melbourne, Australian Prime Minister John Howard, an Anglican, said John Paul would be remembered as a freedom fighter as well as a great Christian leader.

In Mexico City, Catholics gathered at the basilica of Guadalupe, Mexico's patron saint, to weep before a bronze statue of John Paul II.

Jumping the gun

Mexico may be remembered as the country that jumped the gun in observing John Paul II's death, when Senate President Diego Fernandez de Cevallos called for a moment of silence for the Pope while he still clung to life.

"To err is human," he later said.

In Africa, where the number of Catholics has burgeoned in recent years, many also expressed anxiety for John Paul and expressed hope that the next Pope might be one of their own.

Teacher Flavien Kiope in Kinshasa, Congo, said: "He is the first Pope to have brought together Muslims, Hindus and worshippers of other religions."

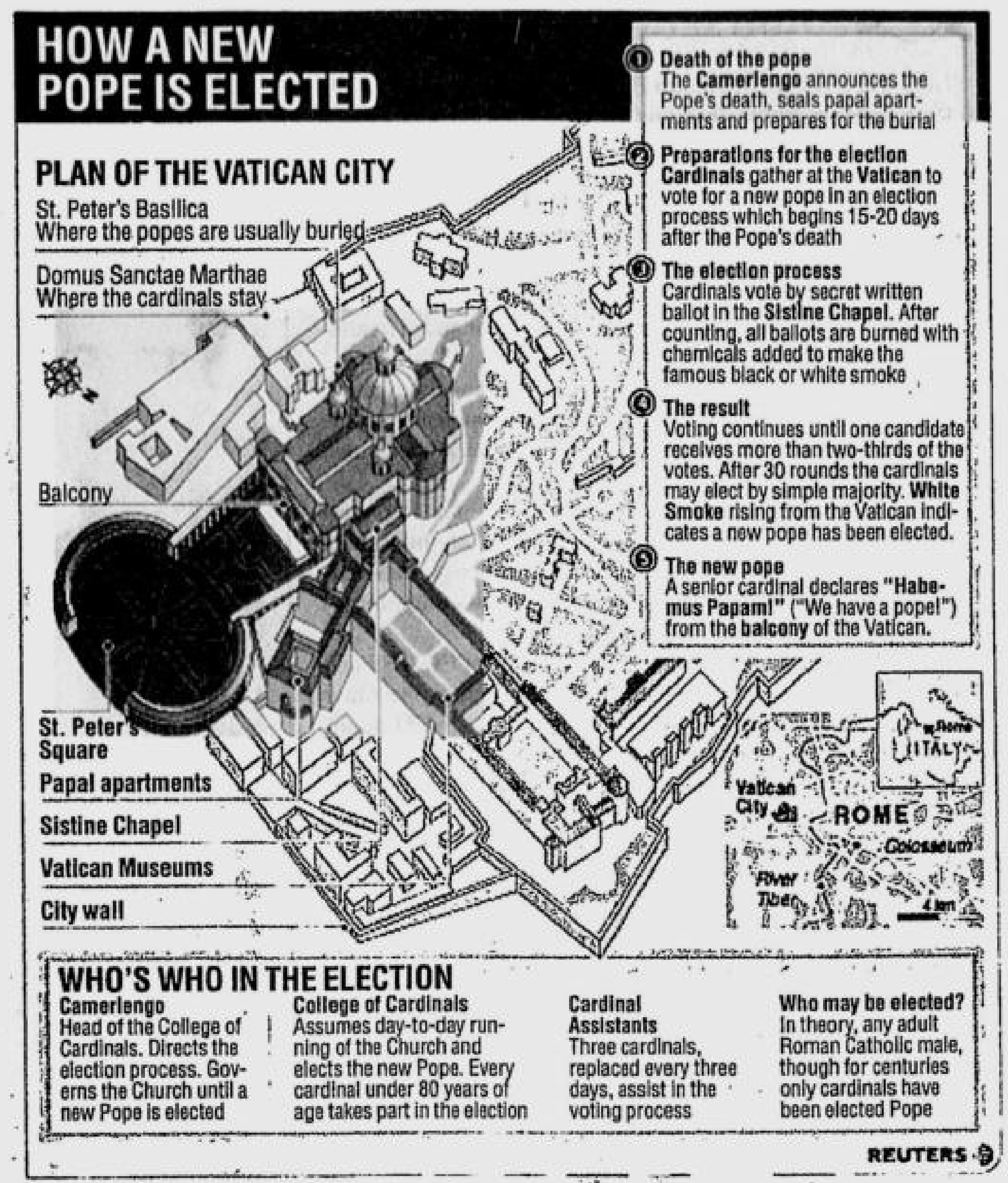
John Paul transformed the papacy from an arbiter of religious doctrine to a global advocate for peace, understanding and responsibility.

Tough act to follow

"If the Pope comes from Africa, we will be celebrating throughout this year," said Juliana Okuo, 32, in Lagos, Nigeria.

But many said that no matter where he comes from, it will be tough to find another Pope as beloved as John Paul.

HOW A NEW POPE IS ELECTED



① **Death of the pope** The **Camerlengo** announces the Pope's death, seals papal apartments and prepares for the burial

② **Preparations for the election** **Cardinals** gather at the **Vatican** to vote for a new pope in an election process which begins 15-20 days after the Pope's death

③ **The election process** Cardinals vote by secret written ballot in the **Sistine Chapel**. After counting, all ballots are burned with chemicals added to make the famous black or white smoke

④ **The result** Voting continues until one candidate receives more than two-thirds of the votes. After 30 rounds the cardinals may elect by simple majority. **White Smoke** rising from the Vatican indicates a new pope has been elected.

⑤ **The new pope** A senior cardinal declares **"Habemus Papam!"** ("We have a pope!") from the **balcony** of the Vatican.

WHO'S WHO IN THE ELECTION

Camerlengo Head of the College of Cardinals. Directs the election process. Governs the Church until a new Pope is elected

College of Cardinals Assumes day-to-day running of the Church and elects the new Pope. Every cardinal under 80 years of age takes part in the election

Cardinal Assistants Three cardinals, replaced every three days, assist in the voting process

Who may be elected? In theory, any adult Roman Catholic male, though for centuries only cardinals have been elected Pope

REUTERS

The mourning after, search for . . .

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There is speculation that the Polish-born pontiff could choose to be interred in Krakow's Wavel Cathedral alongside Polish royalty.

CONCLAVE: The Cardinals, the so-called "princes" of the church, gather to elect the new pope in the Sistine Chapel, whose frescoes include the famous ceiling by Michelangelo.

The conclave must begin at least 15 days after the death of the Pope and not more than 20.

The rules of the conclave are strict: no outside contact until a pope is elected. To counter modern eavesdropping devices, technicians will sweep the ancient halls and corridors for any telltale signs of surveillance.

The cardinals file into the Sistine Chapel in their blood-red robes and conduct a private Mass before the voting begins. The ballots are tied together by needle and thread and burned with chemicals to make the smoke white or black.

White signals to the world that a new Pontiff has been elected. Only cardinals under the age of 80 are allowed to vote. A conclave held now would have 117 papal electors.

The election of John Paul II took two days and eight ballots.

THE NEXT POPE: John Paul II changed the rules to make a simple majority sufficient to elect a pope if no one gets the traditional two-thirds majority after 30 rounds of voting. Once a new pope is elected, he must say "Accepto," or "I accept," to make it official.

A senior cardinal will appear at the central window in St. Peter's Basilica and utter a sentence in Latin that ends with "Habemus papam"—"We have a pope." Then he will continue in Latin and announce the name chosen by the new Pope.

Following are brief sketches of cardinals seen as possible candidates to succeed Pope John Paul when he dies.

FRANCIS ARINZE (NIGERIAN), BORN NOV. 1, 1932: For nearly 20 years the Vatican's point man for relations with Islam, a key element cardinals choosing the next Pope may take into consideration.

This has fueled speculation he could become the first African pope in more than 1,500 years.

A theological conservative, he was born into an animist family in the village of Eziowelle. He was not baptized until the age of nine.

JORGE MARIO BERGOGLIO (ARGENTINE), BORN DEC. 17, 1936: A trained chemist who stands out for his humility. He lives in a simple flat rather than his luxury official residence and, gets around town by bus.

He stresses a traditional and spiritual approach to his role.

Playing against him is the fact he belongs to the Jesuit order, which has never produced a Pope.

DARIO CASTRILLON HOYOS (COLOMBIAN), BORN JULY 4, 1929: A strong candidate with a broad range of experience both in his native Colombia, in Latin America, and at the Vatican.

He was instrumental in steering the continent's churches away from controversial liberation theology during one of Latin America's most difficult and violent periods.

GODFRIED DANNEELS (BELGIAN), BORN JUNE 4, 1933: The archbishop of Brussels, a gifted preacher, ranked as the main liberal contender for the papacy.

He made waves by urging the Vatican to allow women to hold top posts normally taken by cardinals, by saying condoms could be used in the fight against AIDS and by arguing that Islam in Europe has to reform in order to integrate there.

IVAN DIAS (INDIAN), BORN APRIL 14, 1936: Born in Bombay, but spent most of his adult life serving as a Church diplomat outside of India.

His status is that of an Asian prelate more in tune with conservative Vatican thinking.

CLAUDIO HUMMES (BRAZILIAN), BORN AUG. 8, 1934: Archbishop of Sao Paolo, a leading Latin American candidate who has refused to allow himself to be called progressive or conservative.

A defender of the poor and outspoken critic of human rights abuses, he is also considered a theological conservative in Latin America, one of the homes of liberation theology.

JOSEPH RATZINGER (GERMAN), BORN APRIL 16, 1927: Seems typecast for the role of doctrinal watchdog which he has played at the Vatican since 1981.

He has cracked down on liberation theology in Latin America and denounced sexual liberalism in the West. He is one of Pope John Paul's closest advisers.

NICOLAS DE JESUS LOPEZ RODRIGUEZ (DOMINICAN), BORN OCT. 31, 1936: A doctrinal conservative and a staunch opponent of liberation theology, which tried to combine elements of the Gospel with Marxism.

GIOVANNI BATTISTA RE (ITALIAN), BORN JAN. 30, 1934: May know the inner workings of the Vatican better than anyone else alive today. This could either hurt or help him during a conclave to elect the next pope.

Cardinals looking for an ace administrator and bureaucrat to stay at home and take care of business after the globetrotting papacy of John Paul could see him as the right man.

OSCAR ANDRES RODRIGUEZ MARADIAGA (HONDURAN), BORN DEC. 29, 1942: Another strong Latin American candidate, will be one of the youngest men to enter the conclave.

A defender of the poor, Rodriguez Maradiaga believes the real solution to the problems of Latin America and all the developing world is social justice.

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A theological conservative, he firmly backed Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical "Humanae Vitae" banning artificial birth control. *AP, Reuters*

There's no more hope, doctors say

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The Pope suffered heart failure and a septic shock on Thursday in a dramatic deterioration of his already fragile condition.

Septic shock involves both bacteria in the blood and a consequent over-relaxing of the blood vessels. The vessels, which are normally narrow and taut, get floppy in reaction to the bacteria and can't sustain any pressure. That loss of blood pressure is catastrophic, making the heart work hard to compensate for the collapse.

Seeing Pope in bed

"The general, cardio-respiratory and metabolic conditions of the Holy Father are substantially unchanged and therefore are very serious," he said.

Navarro-Valls said a new health bulletin would be issued at 6 p.m. (midnight, last night, Manila time).

The Vatican said on Friday that John Paul's heart and kidneys were failing, his breathing was shallow and his blood pressure had fallen dangerously low.

Pompedda, a 75-year-old Italian, who is one of the Vatican's top legal experts, recounted his visit to John Paul's bedside in two newspaper interviews published on Saturday.

"I went up (to the Pope apartment). I said that I wanted to learn about the condition of the Pope and the Swiss Guard rang the bell" Friday morning, Pompedda told Il Giornale, a Milan daily.

The cardinal said the Pope's closest aide, Polish Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, led him into the Pope room.

'Everything was white'

"Next to the Pope were two nurses who were caring for him" as well as another Polish cleric, and a nun, Pompedda said. Outside the door was the Pope personal physician, Renato Buzzonetti.

The cardinal told Rome daily La Repubblica in a similar interview that the Pope was lying "on a big bed, covered in white blankets. Everything was white."

The Pope was propped up with pillows.

Pope couldn't speak

"When I entered, his eyes were closed, Monsignor Stanislaw called him, and told him, 'There's Cardinal Pompedda who wants to say hello.' Then John Paul opened his eyes. He wasn't sleeping, he was conscious," the cardinal told Il Giornale.

Pompedda said the Pope recognized him "and smiled at me and looked at me. He tried to say something but without success."

The cardinal added that before he left, John Paul again tried to speak but couldn't.

Tubes and an intravenous drip were being used, the cardinal said, adding he didn't pay much attention to their functions.

'Those eyes'

Pompedda recalled "his sweet look which I can't forget" as well as "those eyes, which followed me until I left the room."

Navarro-Valls, the spokesperson, said the Pope tried to speak on Friday evening.

"Last evening, the Pope probably had in mind the young people whom he has met throughout the world... and seemed to be referring to them when, in his words... he seemed to have said the following sentence: 'I have looked for you. Now you have come to me. And I thank you'," Navarro-Valls said.

He added that the Pope tried to say this several times.

"This is a reconstruction of the words that were broken, but that were actually pronounced by the Holy Father."

Young people

When Navarro-Valls went to the papal apartment around 9:30 a.m. Saturday morning, the Pope's two secretaries, three nuns from the papal household and his personal physician were with John Paul.

He said aides had told the Pope that thousands of young people were in St. Peter's Square on Friday evening.

A Vatican cardinal, Achille Silvestrini, said John Paul was able to recognize him and another cardinal Saturday morning, the Italian news agency ANSA reported.

John Paul "gave some sign of recognizing people," Silvestrini was quoted as saying after paying a call on the Pope with Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran.

"His slow death throes proceed ... but he is showing strong cardiac resistance," the Italian news agency Apcom quoted Silvestrini as saying.

Reacting

"I found him relaxed, placid, serene. He was in his bed. He was breathing without labor, He looked like he lost weight," Silvestrini said.

"When I and Cardinal Tauran were brought into his room by Monsignor Stanislaw (Dziwisz), who announced us in both Italian and Polish, the Pope showed with a vibration of his face that he understood, indicating with a movement of his eyes. He showed he was reacting," he added.

For the second day, the Vatican announced a series of papal appointments including a Spanish bishop, an official of the Armenian Catholic Church and ambassadors to El Salvador and Panama.

Preparing for the worst

The Vatican apparently was preparing itself for the worst.

A workman in St. Peter's Square told The Associated Press that crews were taking down the canopy on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica, because they had orders to clear the space in case the Pope died and his coffin eventually was carried into the square.

Final farewell

One of the Pope closest aides, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, was quoted Saturday as saying that when he saw the Pontiff on Friday morning, John Paul was "aware that he is passing to the Lord."

The Pope "gave me the final farewell," the news agency of the Italian bishops conference quoted the German cardinal as saying Friday night.

Tourists and pilgrims streamed anew into St. Peter's Square on Saturday, and around the world, priests readied Roman Catholics for the Pope passing. Many expressed hope that his final hours would be peaceful.

Dr. Gianni Angelini, a professor of cardiac surgery at Bristol University in England, said the chances of an elderly person in John Paul's condition surviving septic shock more than 48 hours was no more than 20 percent, "but that would be in an intensive care unit with very aggressive treatment."

Signs of papal decline

In a sign of the Pope's decline, several cardinals from the United States and Latin America said they were heading to Rome. After the official mourning period following the death of a pope, cardinals hold a secret vote in the Sistine Chapel to choose a successor.

The Il Secolo XIX newspaper of Genoa reported that the Pope, with the help of his private secretary Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, wrote a note to his aides urging them not to weep for him.

"I am happy, and you should be as well," the note reportedly said. "Let us pray together with joy."

However, Navarro-Valls said he couldn't confirm the report, even after speaking to the Pope's secretary.

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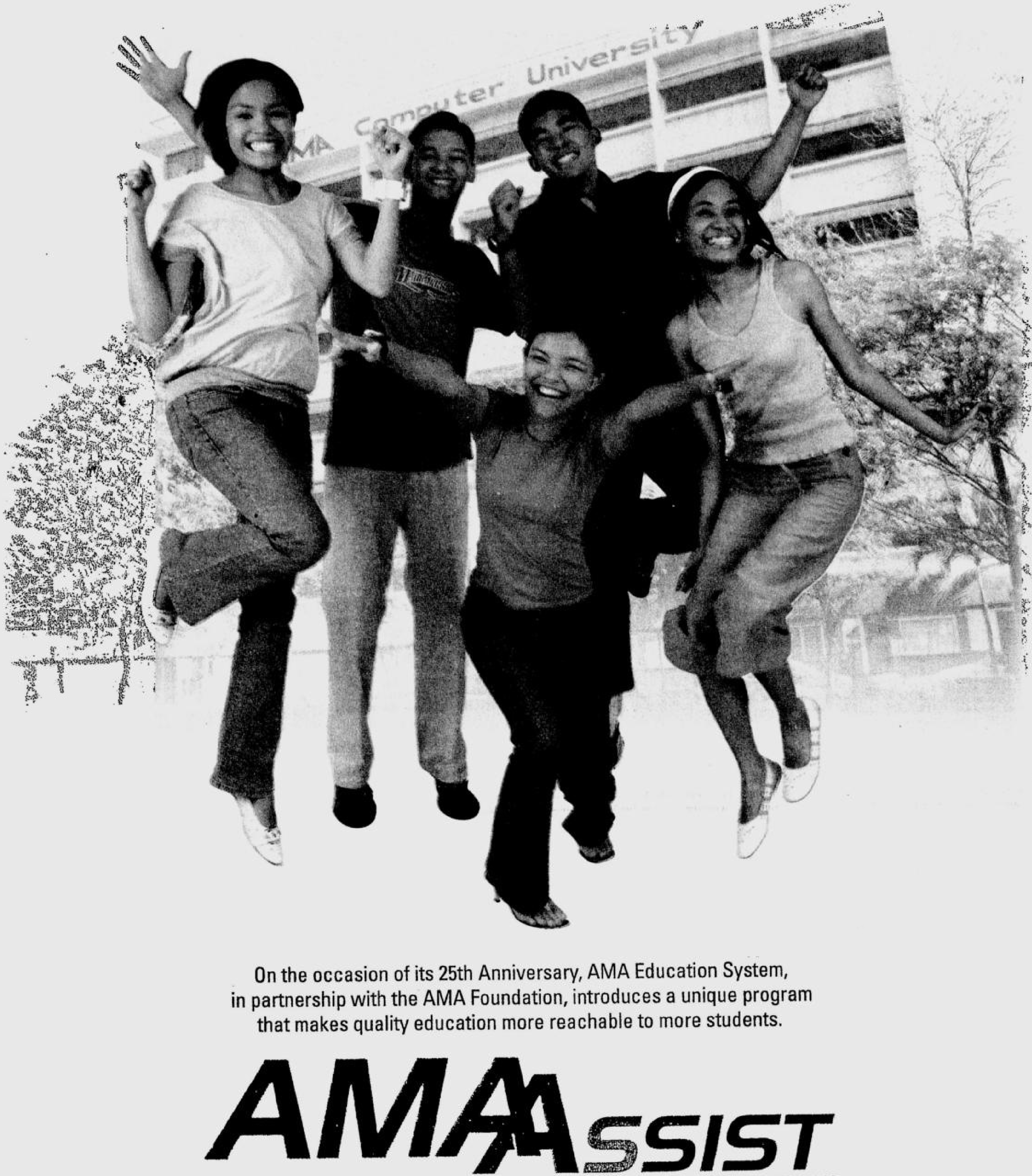

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Rescuers find survivor 5 days after huge quake

GUNUNGSITOLI, Indonesia—Rescuers dug to save a man trapped in a collapsed house on Saturday, five days after a huge quake struck remote Indonesian islands where up to 2,000 are feared to have died, many crushed under their homes.

Relief workers are trying to reach thousands of people cut off from aid in the area off western Sumatra island near Aceh province, where another powerful quake three months ago triggered a tsunami that killed or left missing nearly 300,000 people along Indian Ocean shores.

A Singapore rescue team tried to free the man after Indonesian soldiers picking through rubble in Gunungsitoli, the main town on devastated Nias island, said they heard a voice.

"Help, I'm very weak. I need something to drink," the trapped man was quoted as saying.

The rescue workers had managed to get food and water to the man, who said his name was Hendra, and said they were confident of pulling him out alive.

"He is suffering from abrasions, but his voice is strong," said a Singaporean civil defence official on the scene.

Around 1,500 Indonesian soldiers have been digging through the rubble of houses, but rescuers who pulled several survivors from buildings earlier this week had said there was virtually no hope of finding anyone else alive.

The U.N. has said that 1,300 people may have died in Gunungsitoli alone, and there are concerns the death toll could rise as they reach isolated parts of the island that have been cut off by landslides and damage to roads. Deaths have also been reported on nearby islands.

"People (aid workers) are moving out of town for the first time in a serious way today," Oxfam official Alex Renton told Reuters by telephone from Gunungsitoli.

"Outside town, things are still very unclear."

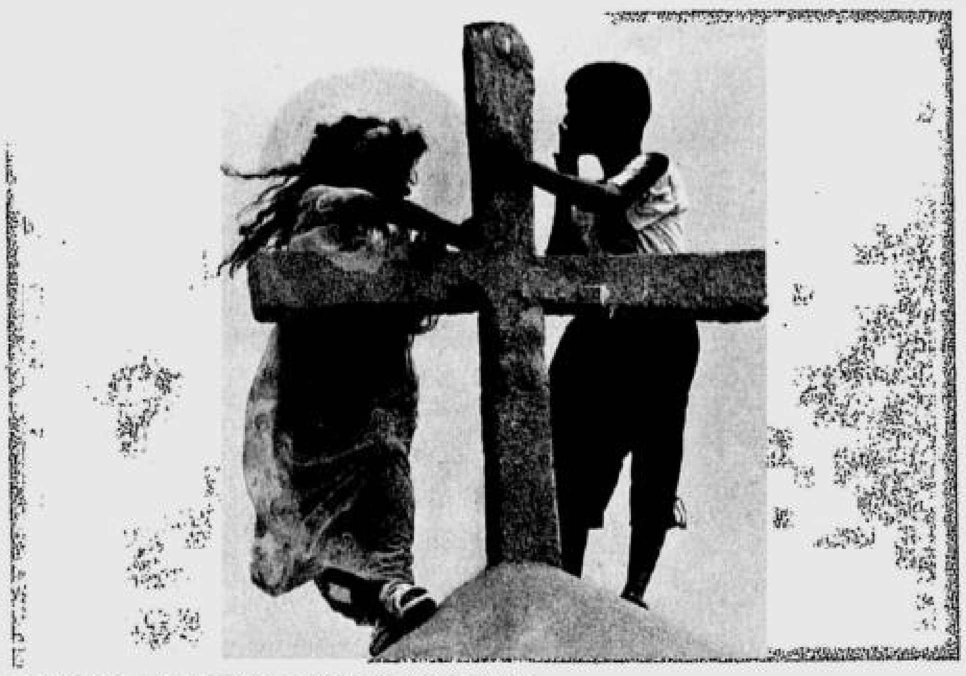
Renton estimated that only about 10 percent of the 5,600 sq km island had been assessed by aid agencies.

Reuters correspondents who rode motorbikes from Gunungsitoli on Friday along the road to Teluk Dalam town some 120 km south saw widespread damage to houses, bridges and roads and little sign of aid reaching people.

Thousands of people are facing food and water shortages because the quake destroyed water mains and markets.

"There is no problem with the amount of food. The problem lies with the distribution," Vice President Jusuf Kalla told reporters after meeting local officials on Nias.

Kalla said the government was sending more ships and helicopters from the mainland and would try to restore the water supply within a week. *Reuters*



CHRISTIAN FERVOR AMID VIOLENCE

Iraqi Christian children climb onto a cross atop the Marban Church during celebrations for Eid el Qiyama, the Assyrian New Year of 6755, near Koya, in Northern Iraq, April 1. A car bomb exploded Saturday in central Iraq, killing five people, including four police officers on patrol. AP

Charles' second wedding low key, far different from fairy-tale first

LONDON—Prince Charles' first wedding drew royalty and heads of state to St. Paul's Cathedral, a million well-wishers in the streets of London and a global television audience of 700 million.

Not even his mother will show up for his second.

The modest civil union of the prince and Camilla Parker Bowles next Friday makes a poignant contrast to the fairy-tale trappings of his 1981 wedding to Princess Diana.

Then, the prince and his golden-haired young bride arrived by horse-drawn carriage, cheered by throngs on the street. He wore the uniform of a naval commander; she a dress of ivory silk taffeta with an 8-meter train. Guests included more than a dozen presidents, U.S. first lady Nancy Reagan and royalty from across Europe. Afterwards, the couple kissed on a balcony at Buckingham Palace before an adoring crowd.

Soon reality set in to spoil the fairy tale. Fifteen years later, the marriage ended in divorce amid accusations of infidelity on both sides.

On April 8, Charles and Parker Bowles—the longtime love whom Diana blamed for the breakup of her marriage—will be driven from Windsor Castle to the local town hall, where, like scores of other couples each year, they will be married by a registrar before about 30 guests.

The groom will likely wear a suit, the bride a dress by Robinson Valentine, a small London-based company she is known to favor. The guests will include Charles' sons William and Harry, Camilla's children Laura and Tom—but not Charles' mother Queen Elizabeth II, who said she was staying away to keep the event low-key.

Television cameras will not record the wedding vows, although TV will broadcast the ceremony of blessing that follows in the castle's St. George's Chapel. Led by Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams, it will include prayers, selections from Bach and Handel and three of the couple's favorite hymns.

The newlyweds will appear for the press on the castle steps before a reception for family and friends, reportedly including a finger-food buffet. But the crowds gathered to greet them are likely to be smaller than on that summer's day in London 24 years ago. *AP*

1.3M Mercedes cars recalled over power problems

FRANKFURT, Germany—Car marker DaimlerChrysler AG said Thursday it is recalling some 1.3 million Mercedes-Benz models worldwide to fix a problem with alternators and batteries.

The German-US auto maker said the cars include six- and eight-cylinder models which will have the voltage regulator in the alternator checked and, if needed, replaced.

On the E-class and CLS-class models, built from January 2002-January 2005, battery control software will be installed. The company also said the braking system on the E, SL and CLS-class made since June 2001 would be updated.

The company said the recall was part of its effort to improve its renewed emphasis on its cars and is notifying its customers in writing of the recall.

"We are now producing the best product quality ever and our aim is to ensure that those vehicles in the hands of customers which are the cause of complaints achieve a standard of quality that reflects our highest expectations," Eckhard Cordes, the head of Mercedes-Benz, said in a statement.

The company has set up a hot line for Philippine customers at 7445058, according to CATS Motors Inc., local general distributor of Chrysler, Jeep and Dodge.

Cordes added: "On vehicles with six and eight-cylinder petrol engines built between June 2001 and November 2004 the voltage regulator in the alternator is being checked and if necessary replaced. On E-Class made from January 2002 to January 2005, new battery control unit software is to enhance the on-board power supply. In addition, the braking systems on E-Class and Sl-Class models from the production period June 2001 to March 2005 are also to be updated."

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Sudan to defy UN resolution

KHARTOUM—Sudan on Friday slammed a U.N. resolution sending Darfur war crime suspects to the International Criminal Court (ICC) and said it would refuse to hand its citizens over to face justice abroad.

In contrast, the two main Darfur rebel groups welcomed the resolution and said they would both comply by sending to the court any members of their groups accused of crimes.

The U.N. Security Council voted 11-0 with four abstentions late on Thursday to refer a sealed list of 51 people accused of crimes against humanity in Darfur to the ICC, after last-minute wrangling to allow exemptions for U.S. citizens.

It was the first case sent by the council to the Hague-based ICC, set up to try cases of genocide and other major human rights violations.

"We insist that the question of Sudanese being tried outside Sudan is totally and very much rejected and unacceptable to us," said the head of the ruling National Congress Party (NCP), Ibrahim Ahmed Omar.

His party dominates the government and parliament.

Information Minister Abdel Basit Sabdarat said the U.N. resolution "contravened the fundamentals of justice and objectivity and violated the principle of national sovereignty." Sabdarat said the exemption for U.S. citizens from prosecution showed the United Nations was corrupt. The United States fiercely opposes the ICC fearing its citizens would be targeted for political reasons. Sudan has not ratified the ICC.

The war crimes list includes senior Sudanese government and army officials, Arab militia leaders and some rebel leaders and foreign army commanders.

It has remained sealed in the office of the U.N. secretary-general until the Security Council decided which court they would be referred to.

Sudan for the first time earlier this week said it had arrested 15 officials from the military and security forces for crimes including rape, killing civilians and burning villages.

But analysts said it was too little too late for the Security Council, which also strengthened an arms embargo on the African nation and imposed a travel ban and assets freeze on those who violate a shaky ceasefire in remote Darfur. *Reuters*

Rogue cops may have carried out Brazil massacre

RIO DE JANEIRO—Police incensed by investigations of brutality and corruption by "bad" cops may have carried out a massacre in two impoverished suburbs of Rio de Janeiro, killing 30 people, state officials said.

Another victim was left brain dead in Thursday's onslaught in Nova Iguacu and Queimados, crime-infested suburbs 20 miles (32 kilometers) northwest of Rio, Claudia Guerreiro, a spokesperson for the Rio Public Safety Department, said.

In Queimados, gunmen mowed down 12 people, some in Bible Square and others in front of a car wash, she said. In nearby Nova Iguacu, they killed 18 people at a bar, she said. Three of the 18 killed in Nova Iguacu died of their wounds in hospital.

"There are strong indications that the massacres could have been a reprisal ... for the arrest of eight police officers suspected of killing two men in police station" earlier this week, Guerreiro said.

The eight were caught on camera dumping the bodies of the two men outside the station, Guerreiro said.

Marcelo Itagiba, head of the Rio de Janeiro State Public Safety Department, said authorities were investigating whether police participated in Thursday's suburb slayings and if so, "we will be implacable."

He said the massacre may have been the work of people "unhappy with our investigations into crimes committed by police officers and with our efforts to weed out corrupt and bad policemen." *AP*

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Old-time prophet

EDITORIAL

MANY did not realize it then, when he first came on the scene, because he had the vigor of youth and the build of a mountain-climber. But as fate or providence would have it, "God's athlete" turned out to be a prophet.

A prophet in the Old Testament mode, that is: invoking the heavens, thundering against injustice, preaching the gospel of reform and repentance.

Especially in his first years as Pope—in Poland in 1979, in Brazil in 1980, and then, astonishingly, in the Philippines in 1981; all large Catholic countries laboring at that time under dictatorships—John Paul II brought hope to millions by speaking truth to power.

In February 1981, for instance, Ferdinand Marcos was at the height of his powers. He had orchestrated an ostensible lifting of martial law the previous month and was preparing the groundwork for a make-believe presidential election the following June.

The papal visit itself seemed, at least as presented by the controlled media, like a benediction on Marcos' brand of "constitutional authoritarianism." But on Feb. 17, in Malacañang, the Pope threw the spotlight on the regimes' human rights violations and anti-democratic measures. "Even in exceptional situations," John Paul II pointedly reminded Marcos, "one can never justify any violation of the fundamental dignity of the human person or of the basic rights that safeguard this dignity."

Veteran foreign correspondent Robin Wright, now writing for the Washington Post, vividly recalled the impact of the Pope's unsettling remarks, which were heard by over a thousand dignitaries inside the Palace and by millions of Filipinos on live television: "The papal speech was a wringing and humiliating rebuke of Marcos' dictatorship. During Marcos' 21-year rule, no other visiting chief-of-state, before or after the pope, was ever so publicly candid."

(Contrast the Pope's candor with the diplomatic hypocrisy four months later of George Herbert Walker Bush, then vice president of the United States, in his infamous toast to "newly reëlected" President Marcos: "We love your adherence to democratic principles and to the democratic process.")

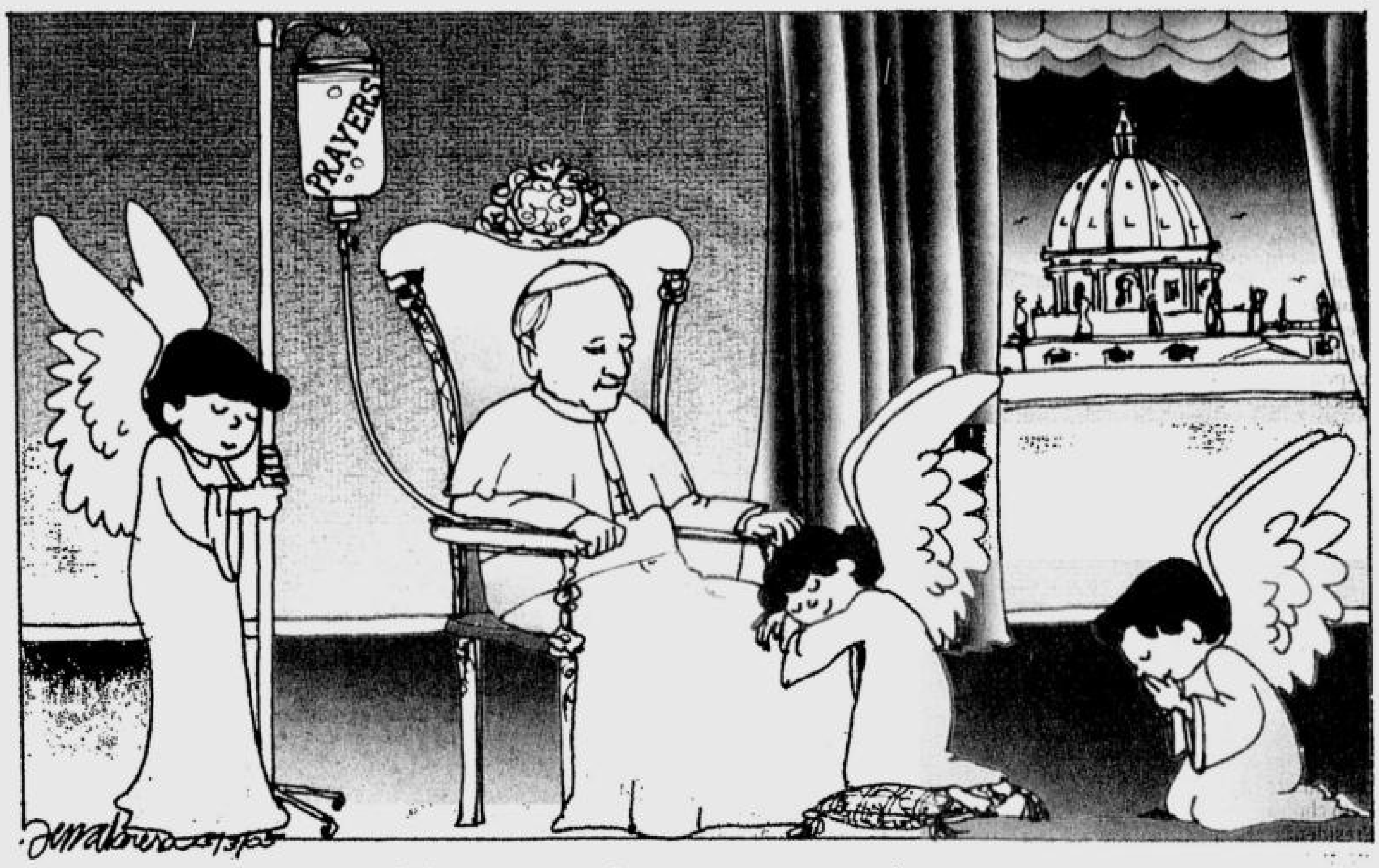
A few days after the Malacañang reception, visiting Bacolod City, where the divide between rich and poor was widening and the fate of priests and church workers increasingly grim, the Pope embraced the cause of the oppressed in unmistakable language. "Injustice reigns when within the same society some groups hold most of the wealth and power, while large strata of the population cannot decently provide for the livelihood of their families, even through long hours of backbreaking labor," he told a crowd of over 750,000, which included both wealthy sugar planters and impoverished sugar plantation workers. "Injustice reigns when the laws of economic growth and every greater profit determine social relations, leaving in poverty and destitution those who have only the work of their hands to offer."

And then, most memorably: "the Church will not hesitate to take up the cause of the poor and to become the voice of those who are not listened to when they speak up, not to demand charity but to ask for justice."

The Pope's words were "magic, like music to our ears," Columban Father Brian Gore, a long-time missionary in Bacolod, recalled to UCA News. "For the ordinary people this was terrific, because they've been under pressure, they've been persecuted—now the Pope was on their side."

The old-time prophet's electric effect was felt in many other places too, and by Filipinos from all walks of life. For the first time since martial law was declared in 1972, the majority heard someone tell the truth about the Philippines.

Many do not realize it now, but John Paul II's first papal visit to the country changed Philippine history—in much the same way his other visits changed the history of Poland and Brazil. It strengthened the Church, preparing it for the role it would eventually play in the thousand days between the Aquino assassination in 1983 and the People Power revolution in 1986. It gave hope to a dispirited people, emboldening them for the changes that were to come. Not least, it put the fear of God in the dictator, forcing him to make some changes. These were largely cosmetic, but by a twist of fate or providence more and more people began to see through them.



Two curious questions

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

LET us not dismiss the suspicion simply because it comes from the daughter of Ferdinand Marcos. Let us not say it is itself suspicious because it is a criticism from the opposition. The fact is that it deserves serious consideration, and alarm as well, even if it has been raised by Rep. Imee Marcos.

Her fear is about Stanley Ho, whose reputation in the Philippines is none-too-savory. He is the same person who attempted to extend his gambling empire here during the Estrada administration. That plan was foiled by strong public opinion that branded him as a questionable investor with vast business interests in Macau and elsewhere. His intended floating casino floundered in Manila Bay before it could open despite the supposed strong support of Erap.

(Ho came ahead of Mark Jimenez, another multi-millionaire, who was appointed as a presidential adviser by Estrada, became a protested congressman, was lionized by his colleagues who benefited from his largesse, and was subsequently extradited to the United States, where he is now serving time for various offenses.)

It appears now that Ho's floating gambling den is unsinkable; at least that is what Imee is worried about. It is not only unsinkable but is likely to resurrect, like a belching dragon with its powers as strong as before, this time with the backing of other sponsors. In addition to the usual Filipino-Chinese businessmen who are always interested in a piece of the pie, Imee mentions but does not identify an influential former ambassador with strong ties to Malacañang.

One of the highest money-earners in the Philippines is the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp., which rakes in billions of pesos each year from its gambling enterprises all over the country. The lotto alone, which was previously disallowed but later permitted by the Supreme Court, has snared countless of our people who would rather invest their hours in wishful gambling than in gainful work.

The Pagcor, which advertises that it spends most of its earnings in public works like streets and bridges and in public education, such as it is, is known as a milking cow of whoever is in power, especially during elections. But the present administration denies any connection with Stanley Ho and says it is not aware of any plan of his to seek Malacañang approval of whatever gambling casino he may be intending to establish in this country.

A Pagcor spokesman says that Ho cannot operate any casino in the country without the approval of the corporation, which has not received any application from him. He adds, however, unnecessarily, I think, unless he expects that application to be forthcoming: "On a more personal basis, what is wrong with Mr. Ho? He is, in fact, a papal awardee and is one of the most respected businessmen in Macau."

Ho will have one unsolicited and loyal supporter in the Pagcor if he does decide to get the authorization of that body to revive his Jumbo Palace Floating Restaurant in Manila Bay. That spokesman's uncalled for comment is what is known in boxing parlance as telegraphing one's blows. It seems to be, in any case, an advance promotion of an expected event.

The other stance I would like to discuss in this column today is that of another member of the opposition. He is Rep. Francis Escudero, who is the minority leader in the House of Representatives. He believes the Senate cannot meet legally even with a quorum unless his own chamber is also convened with the proper quorum. He thinks like the Supreme Court.

The issue was resolved by the Court in the case of Guevara v. Inocentes, 18 SCRA 379, when on the 100th day of the regular session in 1966, the Senate adjourned ahead of the House of Representatives, which nevertheless continued meeting until midnight of that constitutional deadline.

A similar problem had happened before but was the subject only of a radio debate between Ferdinand Marcos of the Liberal Party and Arturo Tolentino of the Nacionalista Party. Marcos compared Congress to a calesa that would be immobilized if one wheel was broken, but Tolentino said it was like a boat with two oarsmen which could continue its trip even if one of them stopped rowing. Ah, said Marcos with lightning speed, then the second oarsman could bring the boat wherever he wanted. No, said Tolentino with equal swiftness, because they had a definite port in mind when they started the trip.

The Court sustained Marcos. It held that Congress being a bicameral body, it could function legally only if the two chambers acted together. It followed that when the Senate adjourned ahead of the House of Representatives, the latter chamber was also adjourned automatically, even against its will. The flaw in this conclusion is that either chamber can control the other by adjourning ahead even if the other wants to continue working. But that is the law of the land as held by the Supreme Court.

The issue may by this time be already moot and academic. But the lesson is worth remembering although not necessarily correct.

Breakthrough

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a guru who ordered the Ashram cat to be tied during the evening worship so as not to disturb the worshippers. After the guru died, the cat continued to be tied, and when the cat died, another cat was brought to the Ashram so that it could be tied during the evening worship. And so it was that years and years later, many treatises were written by the guru's scholarly disciples on the liturgical significance of tying up a cat during worship.

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In today's Gospel (Jn. 20, 19-31), disciple Thomas doubted Jesus' resurrection. "Unless I see the mark of the nails on His hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." Thomas must have reaped criticisms from his fellow disciples then, but on hindsight now, it was precisely his doubt that erased all our doubts about the resurrection. Were it not for Thomas' probing and doubting mind, the resurrection story would have been treated with lots of scholarly treatises and empty tales like that of the Ashram cat.

The pursuit of truth is never easy. We salute people who sincerely search for it, for they have an important role to play in this world searching for the truth. What role do you play? Do you expose the truth? Stifle the truth? Manipulate the truth? Spread the truth? Are you an ally or an enemy of the truth?

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I can't help but notice the emotions that swamped the disciples after Jesus' resurrection. There was a lot of joy, but there was also a lot of fear. Their doors were locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus' greeting to them was: "Peace be with you." We have joys, but they're often seldom and fragile. We have fears, but they're often unfounded, but plenty. May Jesus' greeting of peace permeate all our joys and fears. Are you happy? Be at peace. Are you afraid? Be at peace, for God is a God who blesses all our joys and fears.

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A good question to raise is why Thomas was not with the disciples on the evening of the first day of the week. Where was he? All the other disciples were together, behind closed doors. Was he the only one who braved the outside world? Was he still investigating the empty tomb? Or did the other disciples lock him out? A week later, he was already with the other disciples behind closed doors. Were the disciples able to convince him to join them? Fr. Nielo Cantilado, SVD, rightly points out here the role of the community as "a source of mutual reassurance in time of fear, confusion and uncertainty." How do we treat people who are in the periphery or outside our circle of family, friends and community? Do we bring people in, or do we shut people out? Are you a cave that takes people in, or are you a wall that shuts people out?

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If we are not busy enlarging the circle, reaching out and going forth, then we are not being true to the spirit of the resurrection. If we are busy putting up our fences and strengthening our defenses, amassing wealth and holding on to our comfort zones, then we are still living in the tomb.

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What we need today are people who are active in the Lord's army and not people in the secret service who sign up only during Christmas and Easter. What have you done, and what are you doing to help spread the resurrection story? If you pass on a beautiful text or e-mail message to others, why don't you pass on the greatest story ever told about a God who loved us so much that He gave His only Son who suffered, died and rose again that we may have eternal life?

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Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. More and more, I realize that beyond divine justice and divine love, there is divine mercy. Justice is getting what we deserve. Love is getting what we don't deserve. Mercy is getting something, whether deserved or not. In all our dealings, may we constantly go beyond justice, and beyond love and move on to mercy, and there, find God. May our constant earnest prayer be "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner!"

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"To those I have wronged, I ask for pardon. To those I have helped, I wish I did more. To those who helped me, I am very grateful." I received this touching message from friends last Holy Week, and I would like to borrow these lines myself for all of you out there. May we not wait for our final moments before we say these lines. May we say "Thank you, I'm sorry, I love you" at any and every moment of our lives.

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By the way, have you heard of "payback time"? Some people are so engrossed in getting and hoarding, so much so that they forget that they should be busy giving and paying back what God and what life itself have given to them. Life has been good to you? Give back something to life. The world has been good to you? Give back something to the world. God has been good to you? Give back yourself to God. Otherwise, you will not go back to Him.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, help me to break through the walls of my gloom and tomb. Amen.

Wolfowitz and McNamara

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

TWO weeks ago, President George W. Bush nominated Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz to succeed James Wolfensohn as head of the World Bank. By tradition, the 184-nation development bank is led by a nominee of the US government. On the other hand, the International Monetary Fund, another multilateral lending institution, is managed by a European.

The Wolfowitz nomination has not been without its critics mainly because he is viewed as one of the major architects of the Iraq war. He was also one of the most vigorous, among the Bush administration officials, in asserting that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, and he predicted that the Iraqi people would welcome US forces as liberators. Wolfowitz had also been criticized in the US Congress for underestimating the size of the occupation forces needed for Iraq, the amount of Iraqi oil revenues that would help limit US expenditures, and for understating the casualties of the conflict.

When I was posted to Jakarta after the Edsa revolution, Wolfowitz was on his last year as ambassador to Indonesia. We lived a block away from each other along Jakarta's diplomatic row in Imam Bonjol and enjoyed a few games of tennis at his residence, which had its own private court. A few months later, he left to take up his post as undersecretary of defense for policy in the administration of the elder Bush. Before his Jakarta posting, Wolfowitz served as assistant secretary for East Asia and Pacific affairs at the US state department, and in this position, he played a key role in supporting the Philippines' peaceful transition back to democracy. During his stint in Indonesia, he also advocated political reforms in the Suharto regime.

In choosing Wolfowitz to head the World Bank, President Bush described him as "a compassionate and decent man who will do a fine job at the World Bank." With his experience and abilities, there is no doubt that Wolfowitz will do well in his new assignment. But like a previous defense official who also ended up as World Bank president, the question is, did he quit or was he nudged out of the Pentagon?

Robert Strange McNamara was one of the Whiz kids at Ford Motor Company before he was recruited to join the Kennedy administration as secretary of defense. He was a man of impressive qualities, brilliant at systems analysis—whether it be finance, accounting or rewards. And he applied this awesome managerial ability to the complicated problems of Vietnam. In time, the conflict came to be known as McNamara's war.

Ten years ago, McNamara published his memoirs on Vietnam. In his book, "In Retrospect, The Tragedy and Lessons of Vietnam," he admitted that "we were wrong, terribly wrong. We owe it to future generations to explain why." When the book was released, it drew bitter criticism from some sectors faulting him for not doing enough to end the war by resigning his post in protest when he had come to realize the errors in government policy.

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On Nov. 1, 1967, at the height of the Vietnam War, McNamara submitted a memorandum to President Lyndon Johnson. It had a covering note pointing out the grim realities faced by the United States in Vietnam: "Continuation of our present course of action in Southeast Asia would be dangerous, costly in lives and unsatisfactory to the American people." He recommended changing course and adopting specific steps to reduce casualties and transfer greater responsibilities to the South Vietnamese.

No reply to this memorandum was ever received. A few weeks later, President Johnson announced that McNamara was leaving the defense department for the presidency of the World Bank.

McNamara said, "I do not know to this day whether I quit or had been fired. Maybe it was both."

When an individual does not know if he had quit or was fired from a job, a safe assumption would be that he had been fired. Johnson must have found his November memorandum completely unacceptable. The vacancy in the World Bank provided both men with a graceful solution to a difficult situation.

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The last chapter in his memoirs dwells on the lessons from the past with McNamara citing 11 major causes for what happened in Vietnam. Some of those were the following: (1) failure to recognize the limitations of modern, high technology military equipment, forces and doctrines in confronting unconventional, highly motivated people's movements; (2) failure to draw Congress and the American people into a full and frank discussion and debate on Vietnam before initiating action; (3) failure to recognize that neither our people nor our leaders are omniscient...we do not have the God-given right to shape every nation in our own image or as we choose; (4) we did not hold to the principle that US military action—other than in response to direct threats to our own country—should be carried out only in conjunction with multinational forces supported fully by the international community; and (5) we failed to recognize that in international affairs, as in other aspects of life, there may be problems for which there are no immediate solutions.

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In spite of negative travel advisories issued by the US state department, friends from Yorba Linda, California are in town checking out the local scenic attractions. Larry and Sharon Turner, with daughter Tricia Schooping who is married to our nephew, Aly Valenciano, are just winding down their first visit to the Philippines. They fly back tomorrow and we wish them a safe and pleasant trip home.

Our wise (and wild) old woman

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

ALL evening, we kept trying out alternatives to the "Wise Old Woman" title bestowed on Remmy Rikken on the occasion of her 70th birth anniversary.

Someone suggested a "Waltzing Old Woman," but as we couldn't imagine our perpetually sandal-clad friend doing the genteel waltz, it didn't quite wash. "Wild Old Woman" seemed apropos, and as the raucous celebration went on, so did "Wet Old Woman." What about "Wet and Wild Old Woman"?

Whatever the title, the stark truth stared us in the face: Even at 70, Remedios Ignacio Rikken is "WOW"!

I have known Remmy for over 20 years, which is a long time by any standard. But at the birthday get-together we threw for her, there were guests who stood up when "friends since the 1960s" were called on. One of them was noted sociologist Mary Racelis, who both congratulated and commiserated with Remmy for reaching this milestone. "On one hand, you will find yourself introduced, as I was at a recent seminar, as belonging to the 'Jurassic Age' of your profession," quipped Mary. "On the other, as a friend in her 80s told me, whenever your name is mentioned, people will exclaim: 'Is she still alive?'"

Another "friend from the 1960s" who stood up was Miyen Verzosa, currently the executive director of the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW). We were all surprised since Miyen is about my age, which means she must have been just a child then. And indeed she was. Turns out Remmy was part of a group of Asian Social Institute pioneers, among them Miyen's older sister. "I remember fetching my sister at ASI and passing the time by helping collate the results of surveys they were doing," Miyen remembered.

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AN AMUSING sidelight to Miyen's reminiscence was that the *barkada*, which counted Remmy and her sister among them, all ended up marrying male classmates at ASI, all of whom just happened to be priests!

Remmy and Gerard Rikken have been married for more than 30 years, building in Marikina a lovely haven with a huge garden and a home open to all comers (including fugitives from the martial law military).

At the party for Remmy, Gerard was "missing in action" due to pressing commitments in their "retirement farm" in Mindanao. But family members were there to make up for his absence, including son Yanje and daughter Marilou and her husband, and sister Luz Ignacio-Cruz.

Memories of Luz's childhood with her "*ate*" proved that Remmy's gift for picking up friends and building long-lasting friendships was one honed from young age. "She made friends everywhere: in school, among our neighbors and in the parish," said Luz. During their town fiesta, Remmy would have so many guests for lunch that their mother would be in near panic about what to feed all those people. "As for me, I was always content to stay in the kitchen, cooking food for the guests," said Luz.

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ALL through the night, we all marveled at the extent of Remmy's networks. There were testimonials from pioneers in social development, which led one of us to remark that Remmy's story was practically "the history of the Philippines," or at least the history of social development and civil society in the country. There were friends from the cooperative movement, and from government, including the NCRFW of which Remmy was the executive director during the Cory administration and for some time the Ramos administration.

Touching and amusing was a poem composed by stalwarts of the Philippine Educational Theater Association (Peta), of which Remmy was executive director in the darkest years of the Marcos regime, picking up where Peta's founding mother Cecile Guidote-Alvarez left off after she was forced to flee the country and live in exile in the United States. She has indeed earned the enduring nickname that Peta folks have given her: "Mother Remmy."

And, of course, there were her sisters in Pilipina, of which Remmy is one of our "founding mothers" and Abanse! Pinay, for which Remmy was the first nominee in last year's campaign for party-list representative. But just to show how wide a net she has cast through the women's movement, present (and dancing!) as well were other leaders of women's groups, like UP Center for Women's Studies head Dr. Carol Sobritchea and Oyie de Dios of Miriam College and of the Coalition Against Trafficking of Women.

Of course, we allowed a man to get a word in edgewise. Pepe Miranda of Pulse Asia riffed on the meanings of Remmy's name ("Remedios," providing a remedy for both personal and national ills). And referring to a declaration made some years back by columnist Conrad de Quiros' proclaiming undying devotion to Remmy, Pepe insisted that, long before Conrad "discovered" Remmy, he had loved her truly and well!

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INDEED, as Ging Quintos Deles, another Pilipina "founding mother" and now peace adviser to the President, declared in her testimonial, "Remmy is magic!"

Wise and waltzing, wet and wild, resident *babaylan* and "*batya't palu-palo* Christian," feminist and dramatist, gender studies pioneer and trainor extraordinaire, Remmy Rikken is not perfect, we know. For one thing, she has this unnerving trait of rarely finishing her sentences, choosing to convey meaning by way of facial expressions and dramatic gestures. The only time she was forced to finish her sentences during a talk, she said, was when Karen Tañada invited her to speak before an audience of blind women!

But we, her friends, consider her a national treasure, not the least because she is a model of a youthful and zestful senior. As I said at the party: "If this is what 70 looks like, then I can't wait to get there!"

Billboard nation

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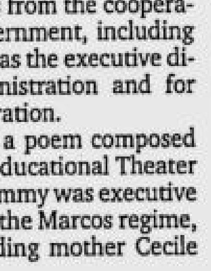

Randy David

WHEN 1,500 parliamentarians from Asia, Europe and the Americas converge in Manila today for the 112th General Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), what first images will they have of the Philippines?

From the moment they step out of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport, they will see a nation hopelessly scarred by billboards. As they pass Metro Manila's slums, they will form an image of an impoverished people drowning in advertisements for material goods they can only fantasize about but will likely never acquire in their lifetime. They will also note the urgent signs and streamers that Filipino politicians have put up to keep in touch with their constituents: "Congratulations to the graduates of 2005" and "This project was made possible by the joint efforts of President So-and-so, Congressman So-and-so, and Mayor So-and-so." Our visitors will think they have come upon a picture-book society that equates economic growth with consumption-fixation, and governance with political promotion.

We like to think we have a beautiful country. But over the years we have done everything possible to make it ugly and unlivable. Its overall shabbiness directly conveys not just our poverty but our loss of pride and self-esteem as a people. Edsa, Metro Manila's principal corridor, is possibly the most poorly maintained city avenue in all of Asia. Its surface, an unsightly skin of cement and asphalt, conveys at once a terrible image of the caliber of the road engineers we have and a graphic picture of the extent of government corruption and neglect.

The 1986 People Power Uprising gave Edsa a touch of history. Many of our visiting parliamentarians will probably want to see that patch of the highway where it all began. They will need to use their imagination to visualize what we have buried. Today, Edsa is nothing more than a long corridor through which one can see billboard after billboard. We are indeed a strange people.

If our public officials think they have made commuting in the city more bearable by allowing outdoor advertising companies to clutter both sides of our major thoroughfares with outsized billboards, they ought to have their heads examined. These are forms of sensory assault that cannot be turned off. They are, as someone put it, "the last unavoidable medium." They endanger motorists and they slow down traffic. But more importantly, they degrade the landscape.

In a landmark case upholding the cause of aesthetic regulation, United States Chief Justice Pound wrote: "Beauty may not be queen, but she is not an outcast beyond the pale of protection or respect. She may at least shelter herself under the wing of safety, morality, or decency."

Public highways were built with taxpayers' money; they were meant for transportation, not for advertising. In the United States where citizens' groups in various states have opposed the abuse of the landscape by outdoor off-premise advertising, the owners of the space on which these giant poster panels are located routinely invoke the inherent rights of private property. The courts, however, have consistently upheld the rights of citizens and declared billboard advertising in crucial locations a form of public nuisance. Detailed ordinances regulating billboards are now part of the law in many states. And in at least four states—Maine, Vermont, Alaska and Hawaii—there is a total ban on billboards. These are places whose scenic beauty is the main reason tourists come to visit.

A foreign guest's first impressions of a country are typically of its natural landscape and infrastructure. The former shows what has been preserved of Nature's gifts and shielded from the greed of commerce and the evils of government. The latter showcases the industry of generations. One wonders what kind of mastery over these islands our billboard economy suggests to our visitors. A nation's heritage cannot be invented or made presentable overnight. Discerning guests can tell at once what is phony and what is real, what is suffered and what gives people pleasure and pride of place.

Because of the carpet bombing that took place toward the end of World War II, Manila is no longer the beautiful Hispanic city it once was. But its natural beauty can easily be recovered by peeling off the façade of superficial modernity that the billboard industry has plastered upon it. The splendor of Manila's sunset is undiminished. Thank God the billboards have not yet encroached on the shoreline of Roxas Boulevard.

By now we should realize that the exquisite beauty of our country resides not only in our people but also in our natural landscape. This is a land blessed by a bright tropical weather which brings out the magnificence of our countryside. An hour's ride out of the metropolis, either going South or North, brings the traveler to a magical place of verdant farms and majestic mountains. The newly rebuilt North Luzon Expressway, notwithstanding the phenomenal rise in toll that the operator has started to collect, is truly a world-class highway that has made Central Luzon's fabulous towns very accessible. Traversing that portion of the highway leading to the Candaba viaduct is sheer pleasure.

On a clear day, a flock of languid egrets cuts across mystical Mt. Arayat on the horizon. It is a rare calming moment that is, however, rudely interrupted by the sudden appearance of a wall of billboards. I often wonder why we allow a few people to do this to our country.

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The question

HIGH BLOOD

Carlos C. Lorenzana

WE'D also like to know the concerns of the sixtysomething and above, what makes their blood pressure rise or makes them sit back, content that all's well with their world and with themselves. —Ed.

I WAS wolfing down a whopper with relish at a Glorietta fast-food chain when I overheard a group of yuppies at the next table discussing the merits and demerits of "What Dreams May Come."

"It's a beautiful film ... unlike any I've ever seen," enthused a twentysomething.

Everybody nodded with approval, except a member of the group who looked like somebody who has not gotten over his long-running romance with angst.

"I hate the picture! You know what it tells you? It tells you that when you die you either end up in a Claude Monet or a Salvador Dali canvas," he said with conviction.

"Dude ... you're missing the point. It actually tells us the purpose of life!" hollered the rest.

"Well, what is the purpose of life?" The angst-filled man shot back in a mockingly deferential tone.

Silence.

How refreshing it is to hear the question from a yuppie. All the while, I had this idea that the youth are interested merely in acquiring things material and climbing the corporate ladder.

Well, it matters not that no answer was given; what matters is that the ultimate question was asked.

Actually, it is a question that each individual, who is neither obscenely dense or jaded, must ask himself repeatedly over his lifetime. It is the question that matters as it might, in the end, give one's life the direction it sorely needs.

Through the years, I have come across several answers to the question. Each answer is a different way of presenting a simple yet profound idea—an idea that has been distilled over centuries.

One. The purpose of life is to look for its purpose. Secular and spiritual authorities have studied the question assiduously and have arrived at various answers. The searcher must realize that there is no point in looking for answers in authorities. He has to find his own answer through his own experiences. He must live for some transcendent goal that he sets himself to.

This is not as easy as it may seem because in the search for the answers, he must distinguish between the answer that satisfies him and the real answer.

Two. The purpose of life is to help all living things unfold—to help them become what they are capable of being. The apple tree starts as a seed, then grows and prospers with the sunshine and rain. After a period of time, the flowers appear. The flowers become fruits. The fruits give seeds. And the cycle begins anew.

Human experience is very much the same, except that the time element is greater. Man, after all, has to contend with a lot of distractions from within and without. Like engaging in activities that eat up his time, his money and his intelligence. Nonetheless, a Big Mac and fries writer, with proper nourishment, can become a Nick Joaquin, an Adrian Cristobal, or a Conrado de Quiros.

Three. The purpose of life is to reach perfection. The Holy Book puts it explicitly. "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in Heaven is perfect."

If man is to be perfect, then he must have to learn and conform to His will. In order to achieve perfection, he has to develop his character to create an image of himself as a physically, intellectually, morally and spiritually healthy person, perfect in every way. He should go about his Father's business: helping those who have less than he does, wiping out prejudice, living in peace with one another, and leaving things in a better state than he found them.

This is a tall order. Man will complain that to achieve perfection demands the experience and wisdom of a lifetime. But "that's life," as Frank Sinatra puts it. Who says it's easy to be human?

Every man must find his own answer to the question. If he fails to do this, it is certain that he will be engulfed with overwhelming despair at the meaninglessness of life.

Carlos C. Lorenzana, who is close to his 68th revolution around the sun, is an environmental activist.

The answer?

Rosalinda Mercado Abat

I WAS not born to be a dreamer. I take everything as they come, like that thing in life called retirement.

Retirement is one of those milestones that some people are inclined to mark with some degree of importance, like the first day of school, first communion, graduation, first job, wedding, first day as mother, as teacher, etc. It is an abrupt transition. One day you're working, always under pressure, then all of a sudden, it's freedom onwards. I can now fly to places without thinking of the work I'd leave behind. I've got all the time to relax, enjoy with my family and friends.

Retirement is for sure a "knowing my family better period," a thing I really missed most especially with my own children. For I've produced scholars, and champions. But I was not able to lift a finger to make my own children winners. Ironic?

This new chapter of my life—away from teaching but now firmly at the center of my family's heart—is also the beginning of a long-lasting affair with certain home chores, especially with the kitchen and laundry. I'm now thinking of the years when I'd be a grandmother. That's why I'm doing my best to preserve my health.

At the same time, I have to choose which recipe of life I'll have to work on. One thing I assured myself, I'd seek God's guidance for this. Then I'd do the rest. I believe that when we ask Him to bless our plans, then we succeed.

This quotation from Ralph Waldo Emerson sounds applicable to me in my quest for another career: "To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else, is the greatest accomplishment."

For now, I'm dying to be a writer, to shape my thoughts into words in my own little way. Quite late, but who knows? Making choices is a lifetime undertaking. The right choice leads to happiness while the wrong one leads to misery and despair. The popular choice is not always the right one, and the best choices are not always easy.

But who said life is a bed of roses? There are always its ups and downs. As they say, life is what happens when you're busy making other plans.

Or, maybe, writing as a career isn't for me. I now feel contented attending to my mini garden, looking at my love birds which are growing in number.

Today, just like a ninja or a leaf, I fly; and tomorrow, I would drop lightly but surely in the bosom of the Great Teacher.

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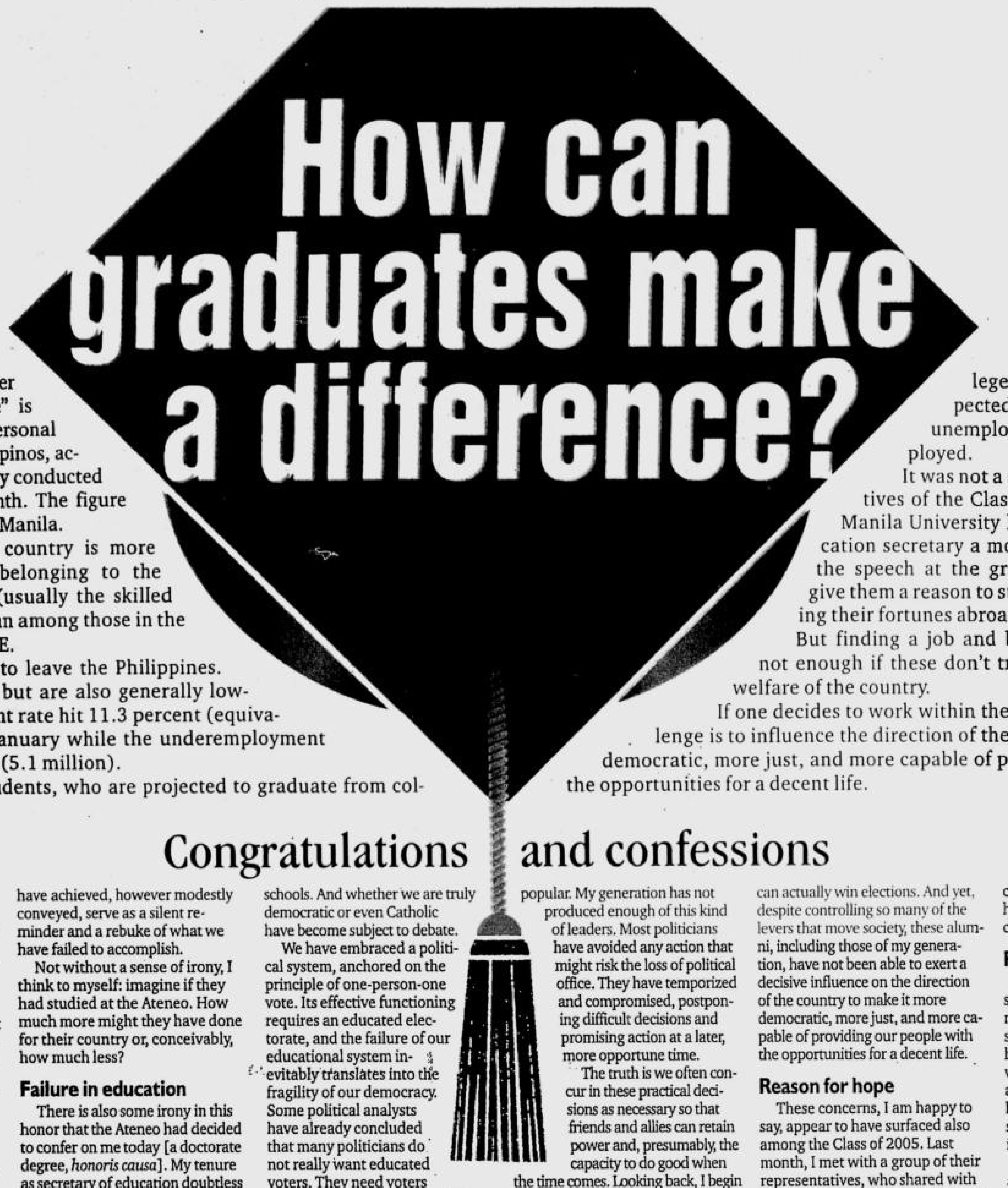

How can graduates make a difference?

GOING abroad "either to work or migrate" is the most urgent personal concern of 10 percent of Filipinos, according to results of a survey conducted by Pulse Asia Inc. last month. The figure rises to 16 percent in Metro Manila.

The urge to leave the country is more prevalent among those belonging to the high-income ABC group (usually the skilled and college graduates) than among those in the low-income groups D and E.

There is a good reason to leave the Philippines. Jobs are not only scarce, but are also generally low-paying. The unemployment rate hit 11.3 percent (equivalent to 4.03 million) in January while the underemployment rate reached 16.1 percent (5.1 million).

Most of the 382,000 students, who are projected to graduate from college this school year, are expected to join the ranks of the unemployed and underemployed.

It was not a surprise that representatives of the Class 2005 of the Ateneo de Manila University had asked a former education secretary a month before he delivered the speech at the graduation ceremonies to give them a reason to stay home instead of seeking their fortunes abroad.

But finding a job and becoming successful are not enough if these don't translate into the greater welfare of the country.

If one decides to work within the system, part of the challenge is to influence the direction of the country to make it more democratic, more just, and more capable of providing the people with the opportunities for a decent life.

Congratulations and confessions

By Edilberto C. de Jesus

As a student of history, I fear for the judgment historians will render when they review the record of my generation. I believe, and I say this in all humility and with deep regret, that their verdict will not be kind to us.

I hope they will give a fair assessment; that they will take into account the burden of history the previous generation had left for us to bear. We started to move into leadership positions in the '80s, when the country's institutions were finally beginning to collapse under the accumulated weight of a decade of authoritarian rule. I did not think that, in less than 20 years, easily within one lifetime, my generation would have to go to the streets twice to throw out two presidents.

Rizal

I think future historians of this period will recognize the individuals and institutions that did try to rebuild the kind of nation that Rizal thought might be possible a hundred years after his time. But historians cannot escape the contemporary context within which they write their accounts. In the end, looking at the bottom line today, I think they will conclude that my generation had failed in many important ways: that our people deserved better from us; that we could have done better for them and for the country, that we did not deliver.

Whatever battles we may have won, we did not do enough to turn the tide in the war for a more democratic, a more just, a more Christian social, economic and political order for our people. It is cold comfort to keep telling ourselves what I also honestly believe—that we would be worse off today had we not prevailed at Edsa I and Edsa II. Whether because of timidity, negligence, or self-interest, we have squandered the gains painfully won in those battles. We have thus allowed to fester the bitter divisions that were both their cause and consequence.

Most puzzled

I have spent much of the last six months overseas. Foreigners express puzzlement at our country's failure to move ahead. Often, they are sincerely sympathetic. With increasing frequency, as some of our ambassadors abroad have also reported, their expressions of sympathy have become both pitying and patronizing.

Those who had studied in the Philippines, not at the Ateneo, but at places like Adamson and Centro Escolar, FEU, Mapua and UE, are the most puzzled. They speak with genuine fondness of the Filipino friends they had made and gratefully acknowledge how much they learned in the Philippines. Those who know the country best are too polite and too sensitive to ask what is happening in the Philippines and to the Filipinos. But their reflections on what they and their countries have achieved, however modestly conveyed, serve as a silent reminder and a rebuke of what we have failed to accomplish.

Not without a sense of irony, I think to myself: imagine if they had studied at the Ateneo. How much more might they have done for their country or, conceivably, how much less?

Failure in education

There is also some irony in this honor that the Ateneo had decided to confer on me today [a doctorate degree, *honoris causa*]. My tenure as secretary of education doubtless entered into the decision. But I must confess that I never received congressional confirmation for this post. As you know, there is a Commission on Appointments, and the honorable members of the commission found me wanting. It was somewhat amusing that friends appeared to think that having served without confirmation was some kind of distinction, deserving of congratulations.

A deeper irony lies in the fact that the education sector arguably demonstrates best how badly our generation and those before us have failed our people. Until the mid-'30s, the country had an 11-year public basic education system. To my knowledge, we are the only country that, upon gaining autonomy from the colonial power, actually reduced the investment in basic education, cutting back the cycle to 10 years.

My generation was not responsible for this decision, but we are accountable for not having done anything about it. If we had been able to add another year to the basic education cycle, we could have at least regained what we had 70 years ago, and we would at least have caught up with Myanmar. Today, all the other countries in our region, in addition to promoting two to three years of preschool, now require 12 to 13 years of primary and secondary education before entrance to university studies.

Soft power

Despite post-independence political turbulence, fueled by insurgency, cronyism and corruption, the Philippines remained, until perhaps the '50s, an object of admiration—a regional center for academic and professional education, culturally vibrant and diverse, globally connected through its command of English, the only Catholic country in the region, and the showcase of democracy in the developing world. We never had much of a military force to boast of, but we had a good bit of "soft power" then, derived not from armaments but from the respect Filipino scholars, artists, writers, professionals and even some politicians enjoyed in the region and beyond.

Today, even your Ateneo diploma will not ensure immediate acceptance of your readiness for graduate studies abroad. We have to negotiate to get international accreditation for the graduates of our professional schools. And whether we are truly democratic or even Catholic have become subject to debate.

We have embraced a political system, anchored on the principle of one-person-one vote. Its effective functioning requires an educated electorate, and the failure of our educational system inevitably translates into the fragility of our democracy. Some political analysts have already concluded that many politicians do not really want educated voters. They need voters who can write their names, but otherwise prefer compliant clients who are easy to confuse, to corrupt or to coerce.

Let us concede that this is an overly cynical view that applies only to a few. But my recollection of many discussions with local and national level politicians during my term as education secretary is troubling. I can count on the fingers of one hand the occasions when any of them asked me, without any prompting on my part, about the quality of the education in the public schools. They were interested mainly in my budget and on the appointment of specific officials and sometimes, even of specific teachers in their constituencies. Whether the children were actually learning did not naturally surface as an issue.

Commitment to quality

Let us also accept that improving the quality of the educational system is a long-term goal, perhaps beyond attainment within only one generation. But our generation of leaders has shown little effective commitment to quality. Singapore has about 10 post-secondary educational institutions, only three of them granted university status. Considering our larger population, we should have 200 or, allowing for our geographic spread, perhaps 300 post-secondary schools. We have about 1,500 colleges and universities. The number is still increasing and, in the memorable phrase of a high education official, "every two-toilet school wants to be a university." Sadly, there will be no lack of politicians willing to make this happen.

Improving the educational system requires leaders willing to take decisions that may initially appear unpopular. My generation has not produced enough of this kind of leaders. Most politicians have avoided any action that might risk the loss of political office. They have temporized and compromised, postponing difficult decisions and promising action at a later, more opportune time.

The truth is we often concur in these practical decisions as necessary so that friends and allies can retain power and, presumably, the capacity to do good when the time comes. Looking back, I begin to wonder whether such calls offered the easy way out, when, perhaps, lines should have been clearly drawn and the risks taken. Because there is always, down the road, one more election to contest, one more piece of legislation to pass, and consequently, one more excuse for appeasing a political patron, one more Jesuitic reason to evade the critical issues that, in the long-term, would help bring about fundamental changes.

Act of Contrition

Fr. Tito Caluag invited me a few years ago to a dinner to explore how the University could mobilize its alumni resources for nation-building. He presented his alumni guests a list of other alumni holding top positions in business and government and academe. The list was truly impressive. It included leaders in all the branches of government, in academe and the media and in the biggest business corporations. After a quick look at the names and the titles, I suggested that the group begin its deliberations by praying the Act of Contrition.

Clearly, many Ateneo alumni have done exceedingly well for themselves and for their families, and the Ateneo can justly take pride in their success. Ateneo has given them an excellent educational foundation. The sobering thought for the Ateneo and for the Jesuits, and indeed for all those who run the country's elite schools, is that the individual success of their alumni has somehow not translated into the greater welfare of the national community.

Ateneo has graduated distinguished leaders in many fields. It has even produced politicians who can actually win elections. And yet, despite controlling so many of the levers that move society, these alumni, including those of my generation, have not been able to exert a decisive influence on the direction of the country to make it more democratic, more just, and more capable of providing our people with the opportunities for a decent life.

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Reason for hope

These concerns, I am happy to say, appear to have surfaced also among the Class of 2005. Last month, I met with a group of their representatives, who shared with me their fears about their future in this country. They said they wanted me to give them a reason to stay home, instead of seeking their fortunes abroad. They wanted me to give them the good news.

That seemed a strange thing to expect from someone who had just left the country and whose main contribution, as secretary of education, was to proclaim the bad news—that the educational system had suffered from sustained neglect, that it was in critical condition, and that heroic efforts would be required for repair and rehabilitation. Like an Old Testament prophet, I was preaching, less hope than impending doom.

And yet, despite the apprehensions I heard from your classmates, I believe that the Class of 2005 is leaving the Ateneo far better prepared than my own Class of '62. Admission policies have given you a more diverse, a more representative social environment than we had. Girls were in your classes, not across the creek. Your contact with the world beyond the campus and the range of options for social and cultural and co-curricular activities were certainly much more extensive than ours.

For others

Your preparation for engagement in civil society work was also superior. You had the lessons of martial law, the Aquino assassination, and Edsa I to learn from. Edsa II provided a less traumatic initiation into political activism than the First Quarter Storm and martial law that an earlier generation had to endure. You have also received a more coherent framework for civic engagement. Ateneo did introduce us to the concept, but the phrase "men and women for others" had not yet been coined in our time.

It is a good thing you come better prepared for the world beyond the campus than we did. Because we have failed, the necessary task of nation-building now belongs to you. I cannot tell you to hang on, to keep faith, to keep fighting for your ideals because things are becoming better and victory is at hand. I can only tell you that things will not become better unless you work to make them so. Is this not what Ateneo has tried to teach us? Some things must be done, not because it is convenient or profitable, but because it is the right thing to do. We can show you where we failed and how you can do better. But only you can decide your course of action.

Positions of power

Fortunately, most of you will still have some time before you must bear the burden of leadership. In the meantime, you can help yourself by keeping a close watch on the cohort between the ages of 40 and 60, the group that has moved or are moving into positions of power and that can stay in power for a long time.

Pay close attention to the alumni among them, especially if they are kith and kin. The course of action they pursue may be good for you and your family, and may even be good for the Ateneo, in the short term, but not necessarily good for the country as a whole. Remind them, when necessary, what they and you were taught to become at the Ateneo, men and women for others. And "others" does not mean only those from the same family or fraternity, school, church, or political party.

The problem with many developing countries, scholars say, is their lack, not just of financial but also of social capital. People trust only those to whom they are bound by blood and language. Countries endowed with a larger stock of social capital can mobilize more easily for more comprehensive, more inclusive goals.

Good news

Building social capital means projecting the radius of trust beyond the usual boundaries to embrace a larger collectivity. I believe your Ateneo experience, more than ours, has given you a greater capacity to connect with people beyond your immediate family and social circles.

What good news then do I bring? It is simple. And it is the one that your valedictorian already recognized. You are the good news. You are the message of hope that must sustain all of us, the message that you can succeed where we have failed. Our failures need not be yours. Even prophets of doom believe in redemption, with repentance and reform. From this faith, springs hope.

Forty years from now, perhaps even earlier, one of you will ascend this stage for a graduation ceremony. My prayer is that the commencement address then will not be another *mea culpa*, because your generation would have bequeathed to your children a richer legacy than you have received from us. I am sure that this is also the prayer of the Ateneo, which must, sadly, share in our failure, as it will share in your triumph.

Congratulations and thank you for sharing this moment with an old alumnus.

(This is a shortened version of the speech Edilberto C. de Jesus, a former education secretary, delivered at the commencement exercises of the Ateneo de Manila University on March 19.)

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Comfort women dying without justice

By Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

CANDABA, Pampanga—They were old and weak when they, in 1996, first broke their silence on the sexual abuses of Japanese soldiers in November 1944.

Nine years ago, these women who called themselves Malaya Lolas (Free Grandmothers) were 93. In the last 15 months, four more had died, bringing to 26 the dead from their ranks.

"We're dying without seeing justice," said Lita Vinuya, the spokesperson of Malaya Lolas, during the stopover of the Peace Cycle 2005 in Barangay Mapanique here on Saturday.

The village, bombed and burned by the Japanese Imperial Army, was part of the six-day trail on bike by Japanese and Filipino peace advocates recounting the infamous Death March in 1942 and other horrors of World War II in Central Luzon provinces.

Only three boys in Mapanique escaped the burning and killing of the village's men in 1944. Soldiers herded the girls and women to the Ilusorio mansion (also called Bahay na Pula) in San Ildefonso, Bulacan, a kilometer southwest of the village.

There, the mass rape began, lasting for weeks and months, ending only in the escape of the women, Vinuya recalled.

"We silently and painfully live through the trauma and humiliation," she said.

About 20 of them had not married and were left in the care of their relatives now.

Several have been widowed and now rely on their children's support while the rest survive on their own sweat, tilling farms or selling food and clothes.

Yearly, an average of three women die in Vinuya's group.

The latest to die from the group were Maxima Turla, Lucia Pamintuan, Rosario Alarcon and Belta Sagum.

Vinuya said the others died of cancer, tuberculosis, heart ailments and diabetes.

Help came mostly from the Japan-based Santama Peace Cycle Network, Pagkakaisa ng Kababaihan and other women's groups.

Gov. Mark Lapid and Board Member Lilia Pineda have responded to their appeals for medical support.

The fight for justice has been slow.

The Malaya Lolas have yet to hear from the Supreme Court on their petition asking the government to declare the abuses as crimes against humanity.

"Justice is slow, and death is claiming us one by one. We're asking God to give us more years, additional will and strength to see this fight through victory," Vinuya said.

Santama's Ichiro Hirata said his group has gained the support of 67 members of the Japanese Diet (parliament).

Hirata said his group has blocked efforts to erase from history books the plight of comfort women, victims of sexual slavery, which, he noted, was adopted as a policy in the Japanese military then.

Santama continues to support the legal suit of the Malaya Lolas. Santama members, Hirata said, have not stopped in the last 10 years lobbying for justice on behalf of victims of military abuse.

Hirata, Susumo Omori and Shiginobo Kodama ended their sharing with profuse, almost tearful apologies for what Japanese soldiers did to Mapanique villagers during the war.

Negros Occidental rejects 4-day workweek

BACOLOD CITY—The Negros Occidental provincial government will not implement the four-day workweek because its employees are the front liners in the delivery of basic services to the public, Gov. Joseph Marañon said.

"We will adopt the traditional five-day work week schedule favored by the majority of the employees of the province since the call to cut it down to four days in Administrative Order 117 is not mandatory for local government units," the governor added.

Marañon was the second governor in the Visayas who decided not to adopt the four-day workweek. The first was Cebu Gov. Gwendolyn Garcia.

Also, Marañon said, many of the provincial government employees are engaged in field services. Since the proposed four-day workweek is applicable to office-based employees, the plan will benefit only a small segment of the provincial employees and will not achieve its desired objective, he said.

"Besides, if they adopt the four-day workweek, no clients of the province are likely to transact their business at 7:30 a.m. and from 5 to 6:30 p.m. considering that they come from distant towns and cities," he said.

Under AO 117 signed two weeks ago by President Macapagal-Arroyo, employees of national agencies will only work for four days each week in April and May.

Marañon said in the case of Negros Occidental, energy saving and other cost-saving measures have already been implemented and there was no need for the four-day workweek.

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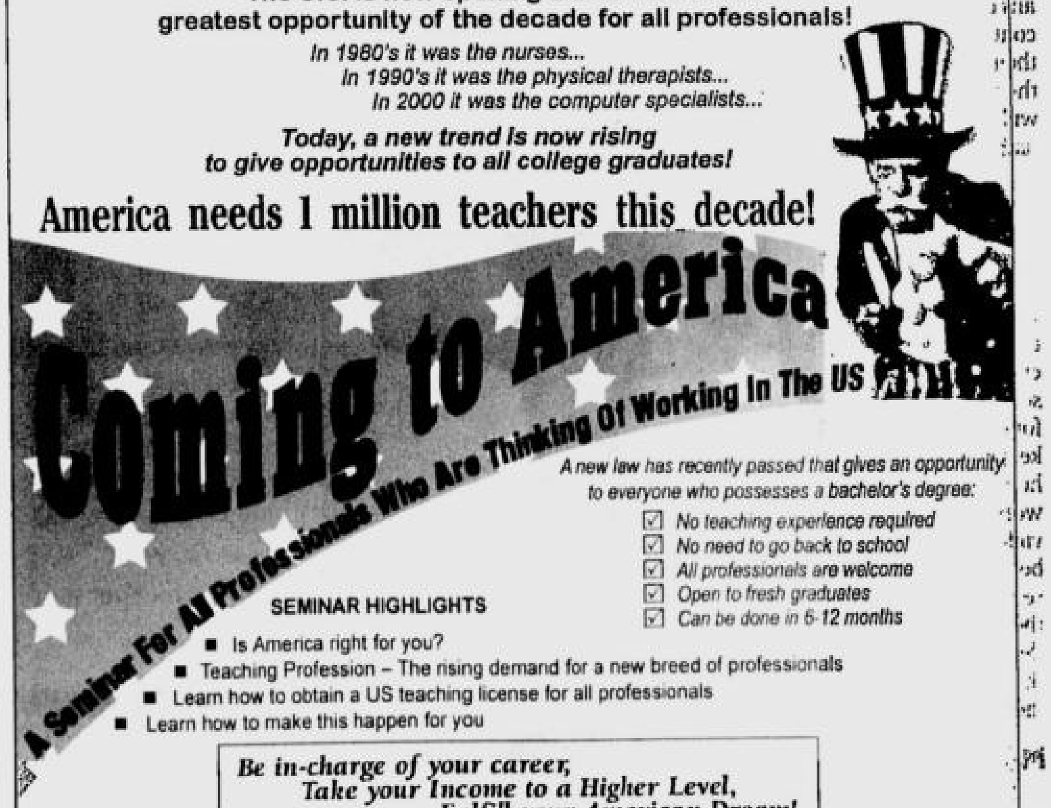
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Body of abducted business exec found in Cavite town

CALAMBA CITY—A business executive who was earlier reported abducted by unidentified suspects on his way to his office was found murdered by residents of a far-flung village in Amadeo, Cavite on Friday, police said yesterday.

Senior Supt. Roberto Rosales, Cavite police director, identified the victim as Manuel Canlas, 57, general manager of Industrial Galvanizer Inc. and a resident of La Joya Subdivision in Sta. Rosa, Laguna.

Rosales said the victim's bloodied body was found tied and dumped along the grassy area of a coffee plantation in Sitio Pasong Kabayo, Barangay Pangil at around 12:30 p.m.

He said the body bore three bullet wounds in the head and two in the back. He said there were indications the victim went through physical torture before he was killed.

Rosales said the victim's relatives reported that he was last seen alive on March 30 when he left his residence for work in Barangay Concio, Trece Martires City, at around 4:30 a.m.

"Since he left that morning, his family has heard nothing from him. So they thought something bad had happened to him," Rosales told the INQUIRER in a phone interview.

Rosales said he refused to believe that the victim was kidnapped by a syndicate.

He said it was possible that Canlas' decision to retrench some of his firm's employees earlier this year may have something to do with the killing.

"I don't think he was kidnapped because there were no calls demanding for ransom. He was supposed to meet his human resource staff Edrich de Sagun the morning he was reported missing. They were to discuss matters regarding the company," he said.

Rosales said they were investigating employees who were dismissed from their work. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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LOLA Rosa Diwaanan, 86, was the oldest among the contestants during the tobacco festival in Candon City.

Top tobacco rollers honored in Ilocos Sur

CANDON CITY—To celebrate Ilocos Sur's prized cash crop, local officials rolled out the red carpet to honor the province's top tobacco rollers during one of the activities celebrating the week-long Tabako Festival here.

Filomena Hadloc, 59, a resident of Conconig East in Sta. Lucia town, won the longest rolled tobacco contest.

Hadloc said she started rolling tobacco in 1970 after she got married. She said before she learned the art of rolling native tobacco, she was contented only with preparing leaves for rolling.

Her winning tobacco, rolled in 10 minutes, measured 78 centimeters.

Eighty-six-year-old Rosa Diwaanan stopped selling and rolling tobacco 40 years ago when she joined the Seventh Day Adventists. But she returned to the limelight on Friday when she joined the first tobacco rolling or the *pinagdublaan* contest.

Coaxed by her children and local officials, Diwaanan was able to roll 10 cigars from native and Virginia tobacco leaves in 20 minutes. Though she paled in comparison with winner, 60-year-old Josefina Galanto of Barangay Kalumbuyan, who turned in 25 hand rolled cigars, Diwaanan was honored as the oldest participant.

Galanto said she learned tobacco rolling from her father when she was in grade school.

Tobacco rolling is indeed a dying trade, as almost all of the 12 participants are aged between 60 and 80.

But former Ilocos Rep. Grace Singson said the age of the contestants showed that not all smokers die young.

"The contestants showed that tobacco can make us live longer," Singson said.

In fact, some of the contestants started smoking their rolled tobacco even before these were counted and measured.

After the contest, Hadloc even rolled a cigar as big as a child's thigh. Later, the tobacco rollers joined all their cigars to make a 5.8-meter cigar.

Former Education Secretary Edilberto de Jesus in his book, "The Tobacco Monopoly in the Philippines: Bureaucratic Enterprise and Social Changes, 1766-1880," said women were sought by the Spaniards in cigar factories.
Frank Cimatu, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

2 cops among 12 held for extort

CALAMBA CITY—Twelve suspected members of a syndicate, including two active members of the Philippine National Police who serve as guards of detained Moro leader Nur Misuari, were arrested for posing as communist rebels and demanding money from their victims.

The arrest came when one of their victims sought the help of police in Barangay Bucal.

Supt. Edmund Zaide, Calamba city police chief, identified the suspects as PO2 Ernesto Fitra, PO2 Evaristo Saranguit, Felicisimo Anglo, Simeon Mayuga, Caesar Pascua, Hipolito Aquino, Donald Aguilar, Michael Galando, Antonio Mabbad, Arturo Vivites, Joseph Reyes and Juanito Evidente.

Fitra and Saranguit were members of the Special Action Force, an elite police unit guarding Misuari in his jail at Camp Sto. Domingo in Sta. Rosa City.

Zaide said at around 1 p.m., their station received a phone call from a certain Fetro Pascua seeking police assistance after alleged New People's Army members asked P900,000 from him.

He said the victim was able to call police when the suspects allowed him to use the toilet at a motel.

"After talking to (Pascua), members of our SWAT team immediately planned the operation to apprehend the suspects. Luckily it did not end with a violent confrontation," Zaide told the INQUIRER.

When the SWAT operatives barged into the office of the victim, Zaide said they caught one of the suspects pointing a gun at Pascua's head.

He said the suspects tried to resist arrest "but they were overpowered by our men."
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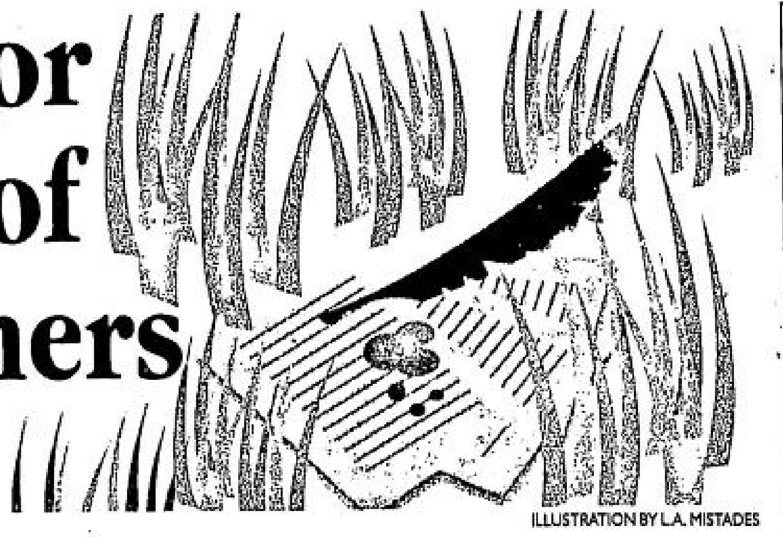

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By Joey R.B. Lozano
Tacurong City

FELLED by what many people believed was a professional assassin on the evening of Good Thursday, Marlene Esperat, 45, columnist of a local weekly in Tacurong City, died fighting for the cause of poor farmers in her province of Sultan Kudarat.

Esperat, a licensed chemist, once worked as laboratory chief of the regional Department of Agriculture in Cotabato City, and it was during her stint there in the early 1990s that she saw the significance of soil analysis as a prerequisite for achieving full farm productivity. She strived to put up a laoratory for such a purpose in the city, closer to the farmers.

"It (the establishment of a soil analysis laboratory) was the only reward she had hoped for in her life," said the slain journalist's elder brother. He requested not to be identified out of fear that he might be another target of Esperat's killers.

Organic fertilizers

"She saw how small farmers buy synthetic fertilizers at prohibitive prizes without even knowing if those are appropriate for their farms. The result is disastrous," he said.

She had predicted that through proper soil analysis, poor farmers could increase their yield from 30 cavans of rice per hectare to as much as 100 to 130 cavans, he added.

Esperat espoused the use of organic fertilizers and better marketing methods "that would eliminate the grip of middlemen over the small farmers," her brother added.

It was in pursuit of that dream that she saw the obstacles—massive graft and corruption in the government bureaucracy—that she wouldn't want to be a part of.

Bribe offers

A deeply religious person, Esperat had been offered bribe to keep quiet. She had only one simple response, her brother said: "It's not by bread that I live, but by God's grace."

In 2000, Esperat maintained a regular radio program dedicated to agriculture, to help raise the farmers' productivity.

"Her program was cut short by people in power who were threatened by her exposés," the elder brother said.

A meticulous person, Esperat had kept files of all those she believed were involved in graft and corruption at the expense of the farmers, her brother said. "She had offered her life just before the Christian world commemorated Jesus' last supper, crucifixion and death."

Three days before she was murdered, Esperat had confided to him a dream she had the night before: "There will be a clean-up," referring to the massive graft and corruption that she had campaigned against.

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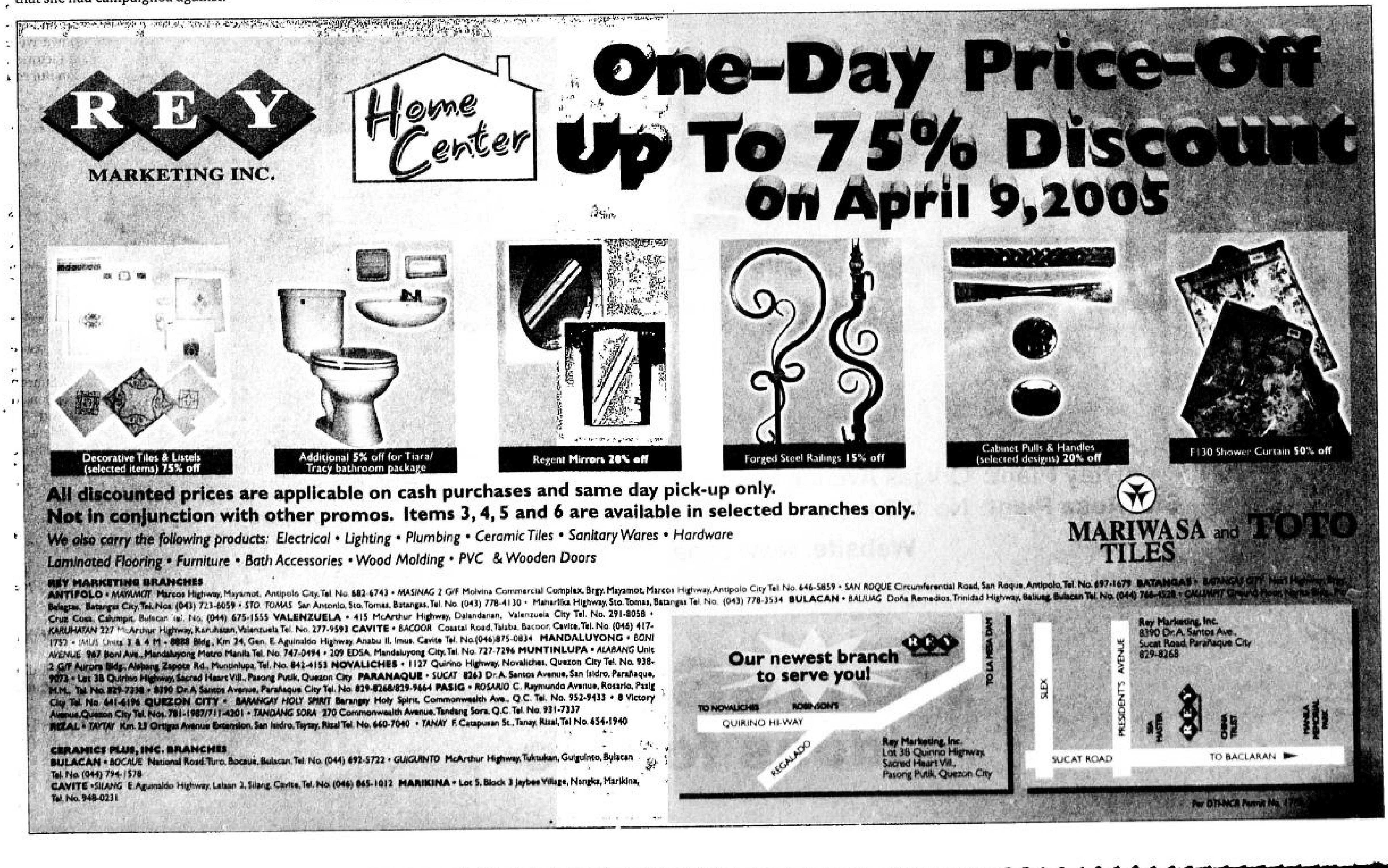

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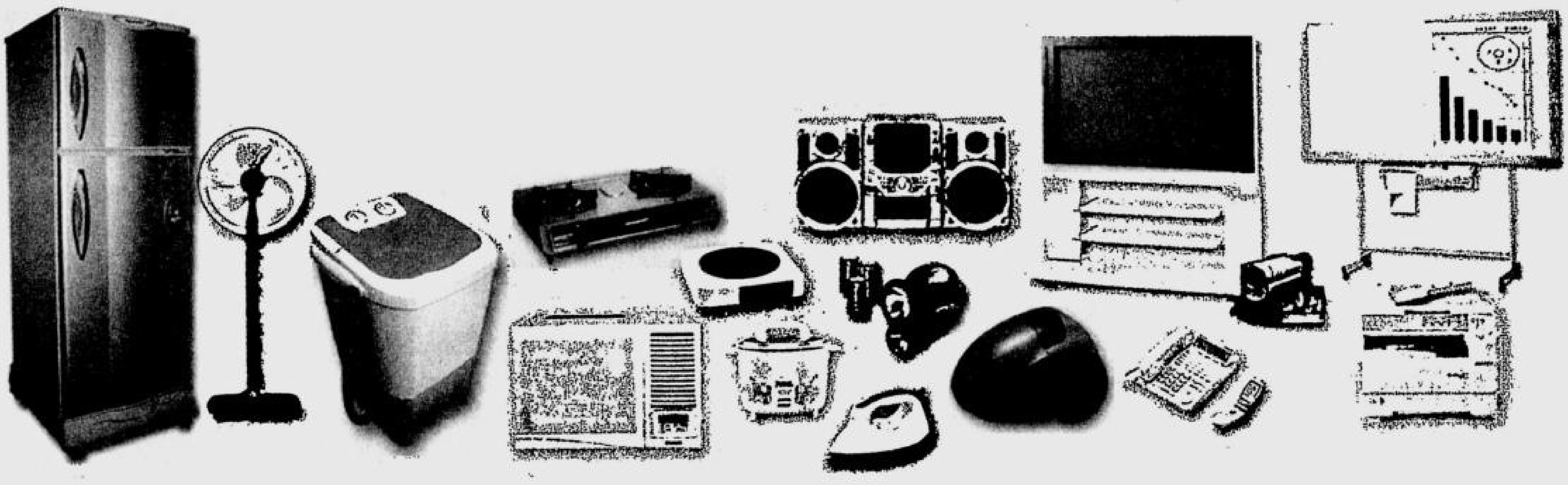

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John Paul II has passionate love affair with Filipinos

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hope for his tireless preaching amid the world's constant pessimism and neglect of the Church's message.

"I take with me a thousand images of the Filipinos," the Pope said before he left Manila in 1995. Later, a papal aide told the media that the Pope had found the visit invigorating: "It recharged his batteries."

In his two visits, the Pope expressed the wish to return.

In 1981, he lingered outside the door of the Philippine Airlines flight that was to take him to Guam and looked at the Filipinos tearfully seeing him off. He appeared reluctant to leave.

Asked later by an airline official if he would like to return to the country, he replied: "Every year, every year..."

The sentiment was heartfelt and real. John Paul had obviously been moved by the sight of millions of Filipinos welcoming him and seeking his blessing as he crisscrossed the country from Manila to Cebu, Davao, Bacolod, Iloilo and Baguio.

An estimated two million people welcomed him at the Mactan airport in Cebu, equaling if not exceeding the crowd that greeted him on his homecoming to his native Krakow in Poland in 1979, a year after he was elected to the papacy.

Phenomenon of the world

But that record was broken twice over in 1995 when four to five million people (seven million, according to a Japanese news agency) turned up for the closing Mass of the 10th World Youth Day.

Used to riding the "popemobile" to mass assemblies and blessing people along the way, John Paul was compelled to ride a helicopter to the Rizal Park because of the mass of humanity that had brought road traffic to a standstill.

"The Filipinos are the phenomenon of the world," he said.

Vatican officials were awed. "I personally have never seen a crowd this big in my life," said Archbishop John Foley of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications. "This is marvelous. This is a wonderful outpouring of faith, love, fervor, and the Pope is very pleased."

Vatican spokesperson Joaquin Navarro-Valls denied that the helicopter ride was meant to ease security fears. "This is an instance of excess of success," he proudly said.

As in 1981, the Pope appeared sad when he left the Philippines in 1995. Breaking away from his prepared departure speech, he said poignantly: "The Pope feels so well in the Philippines that he looks at another opportunity perhaps to return. I don't know how."

He never got his wish. He wanted to come back in 2003 to attend the World Meeting of Families, but he was suffering from Parkinson's disease and complications arising from the bullet he took in the 1981 assassination attempt in Rome and could not make the trip.

Security concerns

Also by then, security concerns had become graver.

It was only after the Pope had left in 1995 that Manila authorities uncovered a conspiracy by extremists to kill him.

One of them, Ramzi Yousef, was later convicted for the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center in New York. The group had links with the al-Qaida, which was behind the 9/11 terror attacks that brought the same twin towers down in 2001.

For Filipinos and other Catholics who view the Pope as a singular figure who has striven much to forge closer ties with Islam, Judaism and other religions, the religious-inspired assassination plots against him were a sad irony.

"We must remember that in the Jubilee Year in 2000, he offered an apology to the Jews and victims of religious persecution by Christians through the centuries," Gomez said. "He was a moral voice, the conscience of the world."

Moved by Filipino piety

Many do not know that John Paul's love affair with the Philippines started even before he was elected as the first non-Italian Pontiff in 400 years.

In February 1973, when he was still Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Poland, John Paul attended the International Eucharistic Congress in Melbourne, Australia. On the way there, he stopped in Manila and even celebrated Mass at the Redemptorist Church in Baclaran, the shrine of the Mother of Perpetual Help.

The cardinal was struck by the Filipinos' Marian devotion and intense spirituality. He later wrote in his diary that he was moved by the depth of Filipino piety, which he said reminded him of the Poles at Czestochowa, site of a famous Marian shrine.

When he returned to Manila in 1981, the Pope praised the Filipinos for holding on the faith of their forefathers and being a beacon light of Christianity in Asia.

Always sensitive to the political situation, the Philippines then being under Ferdinand Marcos' dictatorship, the Pope spoke of human rights: "Any apparent conflict between the exigencies of security and the citizens' basic rights must be resolved according to the fundamental principles upheld always by the Church—that social organizations exist only for the service of man and for the protection of his dignity, and that these social organizations cannot claim to serve the common good when human rights are not safeguarded."

Pope supported Sin

John Paul's strong words touched off the pro-democracy movement that reached a turning point when Ninoy Aquino was assassinated in 1983, and an explosive climax in the People Power revolution of 1986 that toppled Marcos.

In both instances, the Philippine Church led the masses in pressing for an end to the dictatorship, as typified by the bishops' extraordinary pastoral letter after the 1986 election that said Marcos had no moral right to rule for cheating at the polls, and the call of Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin for Filipinos to protect the military rebels in Camps Crame and Aguinaldo.

The activist role of the Philippine Church raised concerns in the Roman Curia, but in the end, the Pope supported Sin and the bishops.

"He understood," the cardinal later told George Weigel, the Pope's biographer. "He always encouraged me to carry on."

Pastoral mission

A year later, when the Pope visited Chile under the military dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet, he was asked by the media whether the Church in Chile should play the same role as it did in the Philippines.

There was no hesitation in his reply: "I think it is not only possible, but necessary, because this is part of the pastoral mission of the Church."

In two years, Pinochet was forced to step down. It was 1989, also the year when the Solidarity union in Poland forced a stalemate with the communist bosses and, later, an election that put the strongly Catholic union in power.

It was the beginning of the end for communism in Eastern Europe.

Pro-democracy revolts

It seems that everywhere the Pope went, there would arise a pro-democracy revolution.

And the revolution started in 1986, with the Philippines' own unique revolution. Totalitarianism of the Left and Right seemed to crumble once it caught fire from the passionate love affair between the Pope and his beloved Filipinos.

Bishops in military's . . .

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the provinces apparently as part of an "information campaign," according to the militant group Pamalakaya.

Members of Pamalakaya got hold of a CD copy of the document yesterday from somewhere in Luzon,' said Fernando Hicap, the group's national chair.

Pamalakaya itself is among the groups thus branded, he said.

Hicap said the CBCP and the Association of Major Religious Superiors in the Philippines (AMRSP), composed of nuns, priests and Church people, as well as the media groups National Union of Journalists of the Philippines and Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism, were included in the military list of organizations suspected of dealing with or acting as fronts for communist rebels.

"It looks like a hit list that places groups critical of the government in the Armed Forces' order of battle," Hicap said in a statement.

The AFP public information office could not be reached for comment.

Cause for alarm

The others listed as suspected communist fronts are the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan (Bayan), peasant group Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas, labor group Kilusang Mayo Uno, human rights advocacy group Karapatan, peasant women group Amihan and migrant group Migrante.

Also listed are the youth group Anakbayan, government workers group Courage, urban poor group Kadamay, indigenous people's group Kamp, Alliance of Concerned Teachers, cultural group Karatula, Promotion of Church Peoples' Response, College Editors Guild of the Philippines, Student Christian Movement of the Philippines, and League of Filipino Students.

Listed as well are the party-list groups Bayan Muna, Anakpawis, Gabriela Women's Party, Anak ng Bayan and Suara Bangsa Moro.

"This is cause for major alarm," Hicap said.

"'Knowing Your Enemy' is guaranteed black propaganda that seeks public approval of assassinations and political killings of leftist activists and other parties critical of Malacañang, the AFP, and the national security politics of the Macapagal-Arroyo administration," he said.

'CPP's legal machinery'

According to Pamalakaya information officer Gerry Corpuz, the document described these organizations as the "legal machinery of the CPP (Communist Party of the Philippines) working on different sectors."

Pamalakaya is the only group described as an "underground organization" affiliated with the National Democratic Front (NDF), he said, quoting the document as saying that its members "transport New People's Army rebels using their bancas."

"Apparently, they got the idea that we're sea-based because we deal with fishermen. We are an open, legal organization. We are far from underground," Corpuz told the INQUIRER.

The AMRSP was described as "a member of the Christians for National Liberation," an underground group belonging to the NDF, Corpuz said.

He said the CBCP, NUJP and PCIJ were included in the matrix of groups suspected of dealings with communist rebels.

Red scare tactics

Corpuz said the military was apparently reviving the Red scare tactics against militant groups.

"This is really sloppy military intelligence work coupled with a malicious intent to vilify our groups," he said. "*Pinaghalo-halo na* (They've lumped all these groups together). And they've rehashed old accusations."

In his statement, Hicap said the document had bolstered Pamalakaya's claim that the military was behind the killing and harassment of leftist activists.

Since January, 32 activists have been killed and five have remained missing, according to Pamalakaya.

In a pastoral letter and a statement issued last week, the CBCP used strong terms in urging the government to resolve the killings of three known supporters of the striking workers of Hacienda Luisita in Tarlac.

Tarlac City Councilor Adelardo Ladera, Fr. William Tadena of the Philippine Independent Church and Anakpawis coordinator Victor Concepcion were all shot dead in separate incidents last month.

Militant groups have blamed their deaths on the military and paramilitary groups, but Lt. Gen. Romeo Dominguez, chief of the Northern Luzon Command, claimed that the NPA was behind the killings.

'Endorsed slaughter'

"While the military denies involvement in the killing of political activists, its PowerPoint presentation openly endorses the slaughter ... of personalities and ordinary mass members of Left-leaning organizations," Hicap said.

He said the government and the military should stop resorting to political killings and character assassinations and immediately pull out "Knowing Your Enemy" from circulation.

"Criminal and other appropriate charges should be filed against responsible military officials behind 'Knowing Your Enemy.' This PowerPoint presentation merely reiterates the government policy to treat its critics as fair game and therefore targets of state-directed attacks," Pamalakaya said.

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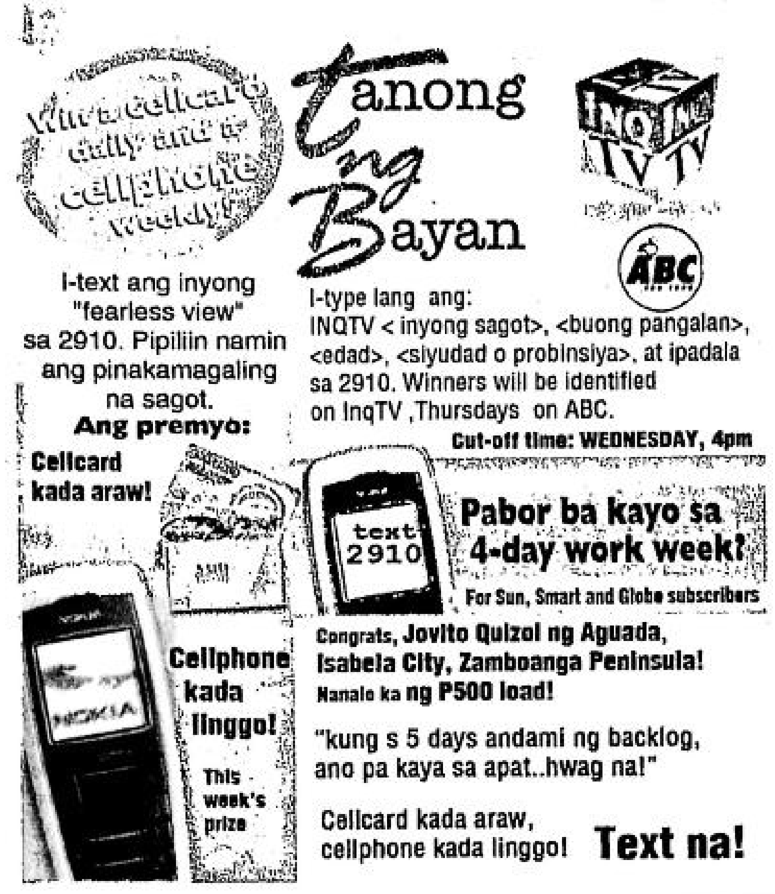
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Pinay lawyer to defend Nora in US drug charges

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Lawyer Claire Espina, based in Los Angeles since 1983, told the INQUIRER yesterday in a phone interview that Aunor had remained "focused" and positive" about her predicament following her arrest on Wednesday in that city's international airport.

Police allegedly found eight grams of *shabu* and a glass pipe wrapped in a T-shirt in the 51-year-old Aunor's carry-on bag for a flight bound for Oakland.

Reports said she posted $10,000 bail early Thursday and was freed after about 10 hours of detention at the Van Nuys jail in San Fernando Valley.

"She was clear-minded for someone who has undergone such an ordeal. She remains alert, strong, and focused," Espina said of her client.

Composed

Aunor has since been staying with members of her family in Northern California, the lawyer said.

During questioning by police, Aunor "answered in a very dignified and rational manner, which struck me," Espina said, adding:

"I don't remember seeing her crying. She might have been scared but she was composed. And I admire her for that, because I've seen bigger men sob [when subjected to the same grilling]."

Espina declined to discuss Aunor's defense, saying she had yet to receive the formal evidence against her client, whose first hearing is set on April 21 at the Airport Courthouse.

But the lawyer, who's now on her 10th year of law practice in California, raised some legal points in the interview. She stressed, for example, that "nobody can conclude that [what was found in one's possession] was really drugs until there are tests."

Espina, 43, is a journalism graduate of the University of the Philippines. She acquired her law degree at the University of La Verne in California.

She has kept her Filipino citizenship and is mother to four daughters.

A brother of hers, Al Navarro, works at the Villaraza & Angangco law office, or what is known here as "The Firm" for its powerful ties to President Macapagal's family.

'Our biggest star'

Told of how Aunor's arrest was reported in Manila, Espina did not dispute the news accounts except with regard to the superstar's length of detention. She said it was much shorter than reported.

Espina also said she would be handling Aunor's case together with her law partner, Sherwin Edelberg.

"I grew up in our country knowing Nora as our biggest star," she said. "So this is more than just business for me. I feel that it's my obligation as a Filipino and as a woman to ensure that she gets fair treatment and a vigorous defense."

The way Espina sees it, Aunor is "the face of the Filipino before the world."

She said her circle of Filipino friends in LA were saddened by the incident because, she pointed out, the multi-awarded actress' "image" was "closely tied to our history and culture."

Underdog

Espina said that because of her long stay abroad, she was not that familiar with Aunor's movies. She was surprised when told that Aunor had been seriously considered to be proclaimed National Artist.

"She's always been an underdog, but she's always survived all the trials of her personal and professional life. She needs our prayers and she needs to know that people are rooting for what's best for her," Espina said, adding:

"These are difficult times for her, to be the focus of a US criminal inquiry. Whether or not [the charge of possession of a controlled substance is] true is already traumatic."

Asked if she would let the court know of Aunor's stature in the Philippines in the course of the hearing, Espina said she would see how it would go: "*Titimplahin pa natin.* If being a celebrity can work in her favor, we will use it. If it will do her harm, we will not."

But then, she pointed out, Los Angeles judges and prosecutors were somewhat "jaded" already when handling cases involving celebrities.

Coverage

Aunor's arrest was reported first by the Daily Breeze, a newspaper published in LA's South Bay area that includes the cities of Carson and Hawthorne, both heavily populated by Filipino-Americans.

According to the Breeze, unnamed sources said Aunor had arrived from Oakland before 8 p.m. and, on a quick turnaround, was scheduled to fly back to the Bay Area an hour or two later.

She was reported to be performing in a series of shows in California before returning to Manila.

In a follow-up story on Saturday, the Associated Press said the Philippine Consulate in Los Angeles was unaware of Aunor's arrest and was not contacted by her.

As soon as the AP dispatch crossed the wires, ABC TV news affiliate Channel 7 and Fox News station's KTTV Channel 11 in LA featured Aunor's arrest. *With a report from Percy D. Della in California*

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FOR LONG, Vides Philippines Volunteers Foundation, Inc. has kept a low-profile even as it tried to help the less privileged.

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"It's better to do this now that we are already accomplished. We did not want to launch the organization when we had not done anything yet," said Josefina Aliwalas, board member of Vides or Volunteers International for Development, Education, and Services.

Underprivileged

For a decade now, Vides Philippines, the local chapter of the international volunteer arm of the congregation of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, has been bringing volunteers to reach out to underprivileged women and children across the country.

The nongovernment organization was born 18 years ago in Italy as the Volontariato Internazionale Donna Educazione Sviluppo under the auspices of the religious congregation of the Salesian Sisters.

Vides Philippines started in 1995 as an off-shoot of the Salesian-run Laura Vicuña Foundation.

On its own

This year, the organization decided to stand on its own and officially become one of 27 international chapters of Vides International.

For Vides, this means expanding low-key missions in aid of families in the remote villages of Guindarohan in Cebu City; sugarcane planter families of Hacienda Malihao in Victorias City, Negros Occidental; and thousands of displaced families in Central Luzon after the 1991 Mt. Pinatubo eruption.

"We decided to launch now in order to create awareness of our new project," said Sister Ma. Victoria Sta. Ana, Salesian nun and president of Vides Philippines, in an interview Thursday.

Fueled by the enthusiasm of 79 volunteers, Vides aims to embark soon on a literacy program that will bring knowledge to urban poor communities in Metro Manila.

Before the end of the year, Vides Philippines hopes to get its first mobile library and classroom on the road to launch its Metro Manila project, "Busina Mo, Dunong Ko."

Extension

"We wanted to have an extension of what we have been doing. So we thought of other things we could do for the kids," said Sofie de Guzman, the organization's secretary who is among the pioneer volunteers.

Rolling classroom

The mobile literacy project of Vides aims to bring both books and tutors to blighted communities in the National Capital Region. Initially, said de Guzman, the organization would bring its mobile library and classroom to the same Pasay community where it had been conducting a values formation program for almost three years now.

"Why not develop the habit of reading? We know that there has been a deterioration in reading skills among kids in poor communities, and those in public schools have limited textbooks and have no access to reading materials," said de Guzman, who left the corporate world to work full time for Vides.

Since 2002, the men and women of Vides have been gathering children from the creekside communities of Barangay 143 and 144 in Malibay, Pasay, for weekly, three-hour "street camps."

Educated on values

The children, aged five to 15, are given lessons on values, proper decorum, and even basic grooming. The children, many attending public schools, are also given a chance at "free play", said de Guzman, as the volunteers brought them toys.

"It's amazing because we have seen the kids grow, literally. And the children who come regularly have changed a lot," said de Guzman.

"When we first went there, the children were unkempt... they did not take baths. But after we taught them, they learned how to groom themselves, and some were even taking the initiative to clean their places after our sessions," she added.

From only a handful of pupils, between 200 to 250 children now attend the street camp's values formation lessons and recreational activities, said de Guzman.

"They are always excited, and they have something to look forward to," she said.

Vides hopes the mobile literacy program will generate the same excitement about learning not only among youngsters, but even the out-of-school and illiterate.

"There are many mobile library projects now, so we are thinking about what would set us apart from the others. We thought of also teaching those who had dropped out of school, and even older ones who never attended school," she said.

Non-formal ed modules

Vides has begun coordinating with the Department of Education's (DepEd) Bureau of Alternative Learning Systems and has acquired nonformal education modules from them.

"We are also inquiring about seminars the DepEd may give to our volunteers to teach them how to handle lessons," said de Guzman.

The organization is also gathering the necessary logistics, both human and material, for its new venture.

Apart from the funding provided by sister chapters of Vides, de Guzman said the organization already started knocking on the doors of companies and private individuals to ask for contributions.

Intense search

And Vides has intensified its search for individuals who could live by the organization's motto, "One for Others."

"You can't find anything wrong in what you're doing (at Vides). It is all worth it," said de Guzman, 40, a University of the Philippines business economics graduate who was already holding a managerial post in a private company when she decided to devote her time to volunteer work three years ago.

Besides, said Sta. Ana, it was for volunteerism that Vides was primarily established.

"It is a call to love. Greatness is in loving and serving," Sta. Ana said.

Forger lives up to his name

By Tina G. Santos

THE NATIONAL Bureau of Investigation (NBI) arrested over the weekend a man for practically living up to his name in an illicit way.

Rodolfo Almoden Gayagaya, 39, of Lourdes Street, Caloocan City, was collared for allegedly engaging in the production and manufacture of false public and commercial documents.

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said Gayagaya, whose name means copycat, was nabbed in an entrapment operation at Rudy's Mimeographing and Bookbinding shop.

Gayagaya reportedly owned the shop found along C.M. Recto, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

The alleged document forger was arrested by agents from the NBI Intelligence Special Operations Division.

Armed with warrant

The agents led by agent Allan Contado were armed with a search warrant issued by Manila Regional Trial Court Judge Antonio M. Eugenio.

Authorities seized a computer and documents, including birth certificates purportedly issued by the National Statistics Office (NSO).

However, upon verification with the NSO, it was discovered that the documents had alterations and were spurious, Wycoco said.

Charges of violation of Article 172 (Falsification of Public Documents) in relation to Article 171 of the Revised Penal Code have been filed against Gayagaya before the Manila Prosecutor's Office. The suspect was detained at the NBI jail.

Meanwhile, in an earlier incident, Yoyoy Murillo and Gerry Retita were also caught producing fake documents, like NBI clearances, Professional Regulatory Commission IDs, driver's licenses and birth certificates in Sta. Cruz.

METROBRIEFS

It's still 5 days for NBI clearance

THE PUBLIC can still get a clearance from the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) five days a week despite Malacañang's implementation of a four-day workweek, NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said. Wycoco said all NBI clearance offices, including those in malls, would remain open Mondays to Fridays. He added that the bureau's Identification and Records Division and its satellite offices, and all medico-legal and technical service units would still be open for five days. *Margaux C. Ortiz*

Manila takes on city waterways

MANILA Mayor Lito Atienza yesterday ordered the city engineering office to use the summer to declog the city's waterways and drainage system to minimize flooding when the rainy season comes. "We should take advantage of the weather to finish the clearing of the city's street drainage and catch basins, as well as cleaning the sewer lines before the rains set in," Atienza said. He particularly directed City Engineer Armand Andres to clear the sewer and drainage systems along local and national streets. Last year, the engineering office cleared 6,974 manholes and 14,335 catch basins. It also declogged 45 kilometers of drainage lines and cleaned 25 kilometers of open canals. In all, the department collected 4,913.97 cubic meters of debris. *Tina G. Santos*

This bay is no summer resort

OFFICIALS of Manila said the public should not to swim in the Manila Bay for them to avoid contracting skin diseases and other illnesses. Mayor Lito Atienza said the concentration of pollutants in the bay was high. "We discourage swimming in Manila Bay. There are so many diseases that could be acquired in doing this," Atienza said. He added that although Manila already developed Baywalk, it would still need the help of the local governments of Parañaque, Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas, Valenzuela and Cavite in cleaning up the bay. *Tina G. Santos*

Baby drowns in pail of water

WATCH that baby. The seven-month-old son of a street dwelling couple died after he reportedly drowned in a pail of water yesterday in Manila. SP01 Paul Dennis Javier said Jason Engracia was in the pail of water when found by his father, Sabler Lutgardo, at about 9:30 a.m. Investigation showed that Jason was left in the care of his mother, Irene, while her live-in partner, a pedicab driver, left for work yesterday morning. The couple's two other children were busy playing with neighbors, Javier said. Prior to the incident, the boy was sleeping beside his mother on the sidewalk at the corner of Adriatico and Salas Streets in Ermita. Some 30 minutes later, Lutgardo went back but was shocked to find the victim in the water container. *Tina G. Santos*

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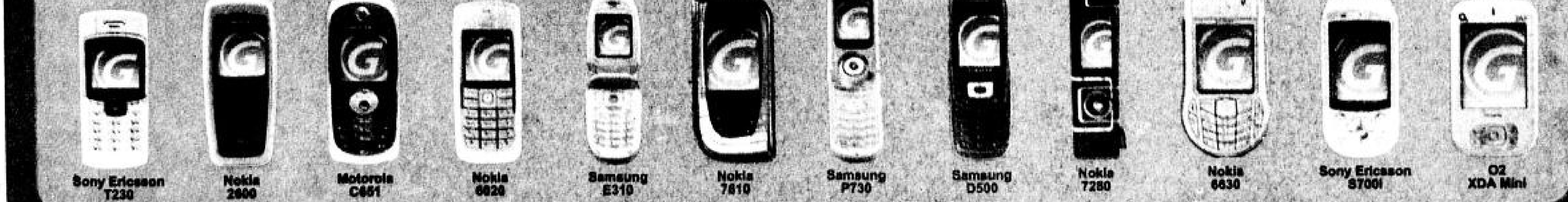
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Montaña decks gritty Harbour squad in OT

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2 p.m.—Nenaco vs Welcoat
4 p.m.—Toyota Otis vs Magnolia

By Jasmine W. Payo

ERICK de la Cuesta shot 15 of his 19 points from beyond the arc to lead Montaña Pawnshop past gritty neophyte Harbour Centre, 81-75, in overtime in the PBL Unity Cup yesterday at the Makati Coliseum.

"As expected, they're a very talented team," said Jewels coach Robert Sison. "But the reason we won this game is that we played smarter down the stretch."

Trailing 73-72 in overtime, the Jewels scored eight unanswered points for an 80-73 lead in the final minute.

The Jewels were down, 69-66, in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter but De la Cuesta nailed a three-pointer in the final 27.4 seconds that forced overtime, 69-69.

In the opening game, Dennis Concha stepped up in the final quarter to lift Granny Goose Kornets past Bacchus Energy Drink, 62-49.

"He showed a good shooting performance," said coach Jun Tan of Concha, who finished with a game-high 16 points. "I just hope that he will be consistent."

Concha drilled 10 straight points, including back-to-back triples, that padded Kornets' lead to 13 points, 47-34, after a slim 37-34 edge.

The Jewels were down by as many as 12 points, 50-38, but De la Cuesta sparked a Montaña comeback that narrowed the gap by five, 54-49, in the third quarter.

With Mac Cardona at the helm, Harbour Centre managed to stay ahead midway in the fourth period, 65-59. The Jewels, however, took advantage of their trips at the foul line to pull within three, 69-66.

Montaña also survived the scorching performance of Cardona, who finished with a game-high 26 points.

The Jewels missed the services of starting forward Al Magpayo after he fractured his left arm in the first period.

Granny Goose preserved its double-digit buffer in the fourth quarter, extending the lead by as many as 20 points, 59-39, less then three minutes remaining.

Earlier, PBL commissioner Chino Trinidad awarded Manny Pacquiao the league's first-ever Gawad ng Kagitingan award for his "spirited efforts" in his recent match against Mexican Erik Morales.

The scores:

First game

GRANNY GOOSE 62—Concha 16, Santos 10, Quiñahan 8, Guerrero 7, Latonio 5, Ibañes 4, Saladaga 4, Cruz 3, Lanete 2, Almeda 2, Ferrer 1, Alfad 0, Grijaldo 0, David 0, Mercado 0.

BACCHUS 49—Epondulan 13, Holper 9, Te 6, Menor 5, Hubalde 4, Cruz 4, Vizcarra 3, Cordero 3, Coyukang 2, Butel 0, Uy 0, Abadia 0.

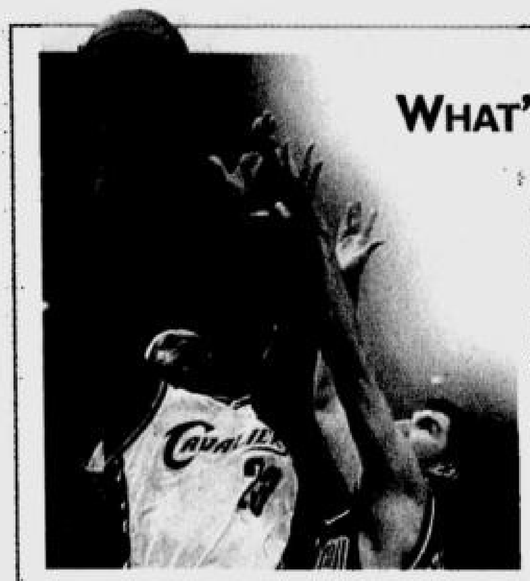
Quarters: 13-13, 25-18, 37-31, 62-49.

Second game

MONTAÑA 81—De la Cuesta 19, Juntilla 15, Bagulon 10, Salvador 8, Compton 6, Mercado 6, Tolentino 5, Guerrero 4, Capus 3, Vergara 3, Bono 2, Magpayo 0, Espiritu 0.

HARBOUR CENTRE 75—Cardona 26, Espinas 13, Castro 9, Tenorio 8, Gaco 6, Membrere 5, Bugia 3, Gatumbato 3, Mendoza 2, Sanz 0.

Quarters: 17-15, 28-34, 49-54, 69-69, 81-75 (OT).



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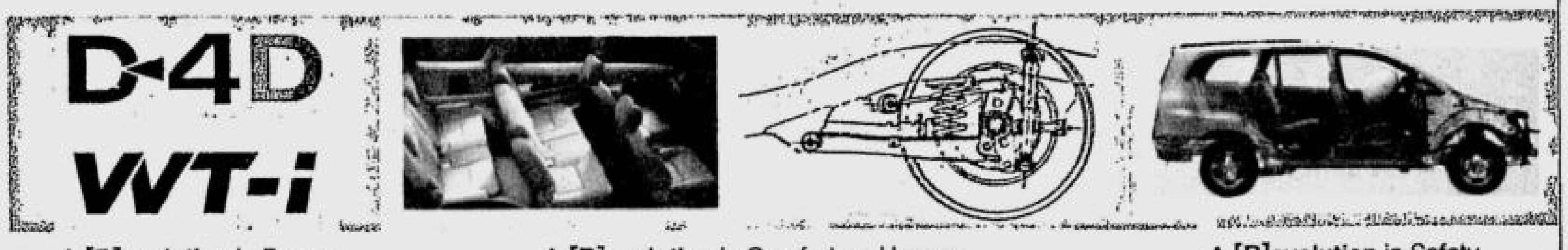

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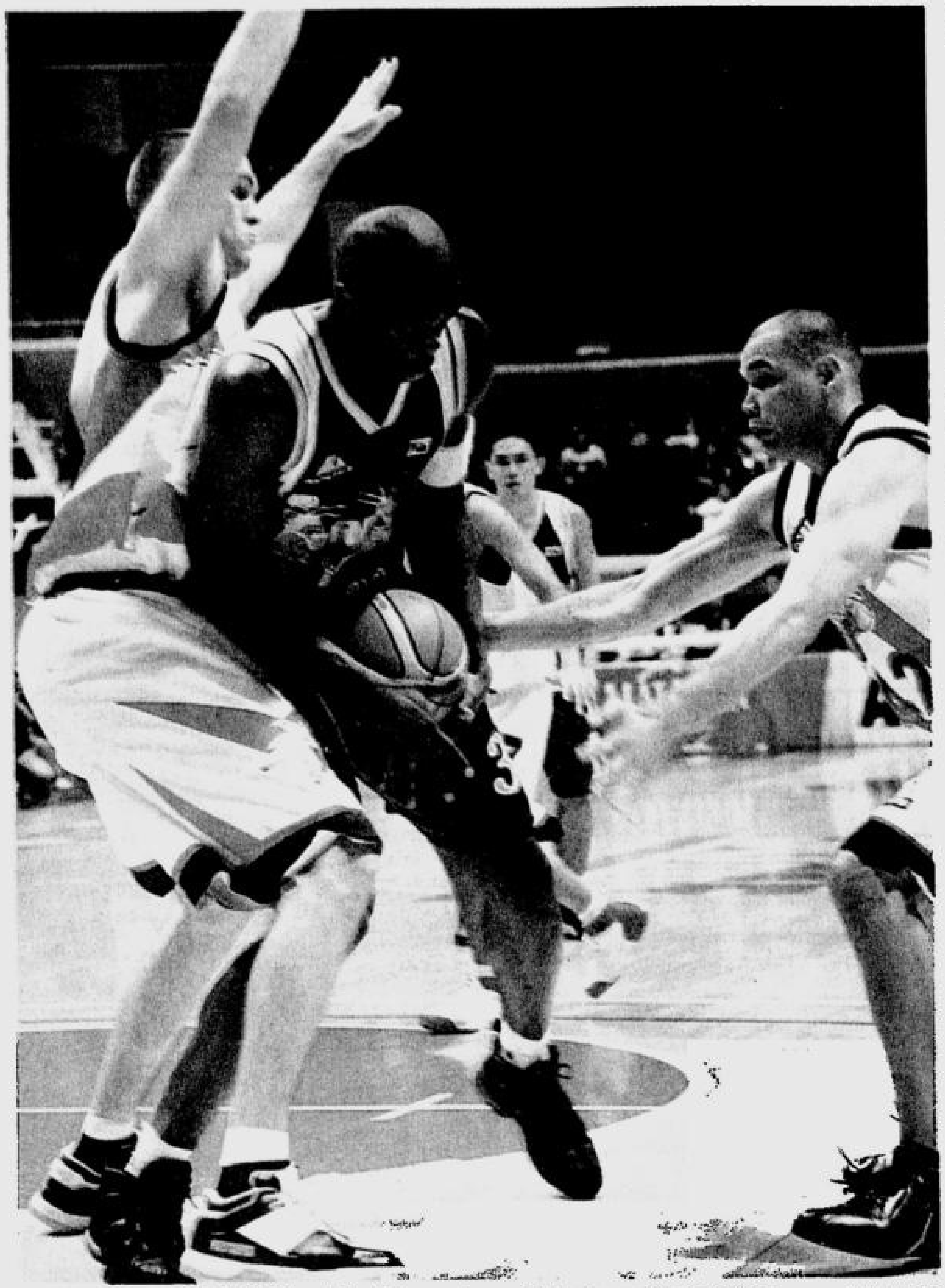

BEERMEN Danny Seigle (right) and Chris Burgees harass Turbocharger Wesley Wilson. PDI FILE PHOTO

TNT eyes share of lead vs Coke

THEY used to play for the same team in a United States-based professional league.

Now, Bakari Hendrix and Noel Felix will be forced to play as bitter rivals when Coca-Cola takes on Talk 'N Text today in the 2005 Gran Matador PBA Fiesta Conference at the Araneta Coliseum.

The Tigers will lean on the high-scoring Hendrix to arrest a four-game skid while Felix, who made quite an impression in his debut against Alaska, strengthens the Phone Pals' bid to gain a share of the lead.

Hendrix, a 6-ft-10 power forward with a decent outside touch, and the 6-ft-8 Felix were the top two scoring options of the Yakima Sun Kings in the Continental Basketball Association.

In the second game, Purefoods aims to sustain its string of victories when the hottest team in the league meets the slumping Alaska Aces. Coach Ryan Gregorio and the TJ Hotdogs won their last three outings to keep the solo leadership at 4-1.

Hendrix had 42 points in his first PBA game but couldn't keep up with Shell's Wesley Wilson on the offensive end as the Tigers plummeted to 1-4 after four successive setbacks. Wilson set a conference-high 46 points against the Tigers.

Felix, on the other hand, had an off-night against the Aces but proved instrumental in a third-quarter turnaround that saw the Phone Pals erase a 17-point deficit.

Focus will be on the much-awaited match-up between Hendrix and Felix. But how their teams will fare depends on the magnitude of local support they could get.

Mark Telan, Willie Miller, Vic Pablo and Jimmy Alapag have been consistently effective for the Phone Pals every night, sharing the burden on both ends to make life easier for their import.

The hot-shooting John Arigo has been a thorn against every Coca-Cola opponent and Ali Peek is used to turning in double figures but luck seemed to abandon the Tigers the past four games.

The Aces, who paraded former Chicago Bull Dickey Simpkins in a losing out-of-town sortie against Talk N Text in Cagayan De Oro last week, have also been running out of fortune after dropping four of their five games.

This could be the perfect time for the Aces to alter their agony since they will be facing an ailing Purefoods backcourt.

Tonyboy Espinosa is trying to recover from a strained right quadriceps while Paul Artadi has an inflamed calf muscle for almost a week now.

While Simpkins could cancel out Antonio Smith in the middle, the Aces should jump on the opportunity by squeezing the best out of Mike Cortez, Jeffrey Cariaso and Brandon Cablay.

Meanwhile, United States ambassador Francis Ricciardone will grace the PBA games today. Ricciardone will do the ceremonial toss in the Purefoods-Alaska mainer. *June Navarro*

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Nike Summer League sets April 7 as registry deadline

AVOID the rush. Register now.

Budding basketball players, who dream of carving a niche into the big leagues someday, have until April 7 to start fulfilling their dreams by registering for the Nike Summer League, an intensive two-month tournament where the best young cagers play for the country's best coaches.

Nike Philippines, together with 20 of the country's finest coaches, is holding the event to provide teenage boys a path to better basketball.

A great bulk of the projected 3,000 tryouts participants have already shown up at the Nike Summer League registration center. This league is the first of its kind to draft players in the 13- to 17-year-old category. Interested players must be born on or after Jan. 1, 1988.

For Metro Manila applicants, application forms are available at all Nike Park and Nike Stadium stores and the Nike Summer League Center, at 753 Sgt. Bumatay Street, Plainview, Mandaluyong with tel. 5330281 or 0922-544NIKE. Forms can also be downloaded at www.nikebasketball.com.ph. Completed forms must be submitted to the NSL Center for scheduling.

"The response to the Nike Summer League has been enormous, with inquiries coming from as far as Mindanao and the Visayas," said Deeda Pama, Nike's marketing manager. "Of course, we don't want our young ballers from Metro Manila and Luzon to be left out so the time to sign up is now." The tryouts are set on April 8 to 10 at the Emilio Aguinaldo College Sports Center from, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Drafting is on April 11 where the Nike coaches will be choosing their players from the tryout hopefuls.

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These will be the thrusts of the Basketball Association of the Philippines as it goes on aggressive mode this year.

"The experience of competing abroad plus the technical knowledge will help elevate the quality of local basketball, putting us on track of regaining Asian supremacy," said BAP secretary general; Graham Lim, who has been appointed by Philippine Olympic Committee president Peping Cojuangco as chair of the Referees and Judges Commission of the coming Manila Southeast Asian Games.

Initially, Lim will be sending 12 referees in four batches to officiate in Taiwan's Super Basketball League from April 7 to May 2 as part of the agreement Lim signed with Chinese Taipei Basketball Association secretary general Steven Y. P. Kao for an exchange program of technical development.

Lim made arrangements with FedEx president Lito Alvarez for the Express to don the country's colors in the 3rd Group International Championship set Aug. 10-17 in Doha, Qatar.

The BAP will also invite teams from Japan, Korea and Chinese Taipei to see action in an invitational tournament to be staged by the National Basketball Conference.

The Cebuana-Lhuillier team will compete in the SEABA meet and the Hong Kong Super Cup.

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Spring Oil backing NBC north pre-season tourney

PADILLA PDI FILE PHOTO

SPRING Cooking Oil has agreed to sponsor the final National Basketball Conference north pre-season series starting on April 5 at the Rizal Memorial coliseum.

Vying in the short tournament are RP-Cebuana Lhuillier, Laguna Spring of NBC president Nathaniel "Tac" Padilla and Laguna Gov. Teresita "Ningning" Lazaro, mayor Freddie Tinga's Forward Taguig, the Parañaque Jets of Vice Mayor and actor/TV host Anjo Yllana and the Far Eastern Insurance-backed Cavite team of Vice Mayor Edwin Malvar.

"This is definitely going to be an exciting series," said Padilla, who is also general manager of Malabon Soap & Oil Industrial Co., manufacturers of Spring Cooking Oil, of the preseason event. "Our (NBC) teams will surely be challenged by the presence of the national (RP-Cebuana Lhuillier) squad."

Former Olympian Mariano "Tom" Ong, chair of the Malabon-based cooking oil firm and a shooting champion like his son, Tac, reiterated his company's support of the NBC in its second season.

The participation of the nationals was made possible by Graham Lim, secretary general of the Basketball Association of the Philippines, which has sanctioned the NBC. The nationals are preparing for the Southeast Asian Games in Manila late this year.

Other venues of the six-day tourney are the C.P. Tinga gym in Taguig and the Ambassador P.J. Lhuillier gym in Las Piñas.

The NBC national championship, sponsored by Panasonic, is set to start on April 23 in the north and on April 27 in the south with the Jets and the Cagayan de Oro stars of former Gov. Antonio Calingin as respective hosts.

Other teams which have committed to play this year are Tribu Sugbu, Ozamiz Cotta, Valencia Golden Harvest, Iligan Crusaders, Iloilo Warriors, Forward Taguig, Laguna Spring and Baguio Cardinals.

National track open, invt'l promise to be biggest ever

THE 2005 EDITION of the Milo National Open and Invitational Championships on April 14-17 promises to be the biggest in the event's history with the expected influx of Southeast Asian athletes aiming to get a feel of the SEA Games competition late this year.

Advantage in both events, of course, belongs to the host country but the Philippine Amateur Track and Field Association is more worried of the organizational aspect than giving the visitors the good fight they want.

"It's likely that we will end up with the biggest field ever," said Patafa chief Go Teng Kok. "Add the close to 2,000 Filipino athletes from all over the country, and we're looking at a costly hosting job."

Coming over are athletes and officials from China, Taipei, Macau and Hong Kong as well as SEA countries Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam and Singapore.

The Philippine Sports Commission is a major backer but Go fears the agency's present financial difficulties will create a problem in, among other things, the accommodation of foreign and local participants.

"We really need this event if we're to measure the competition and gauge our chances in the SEA Games late this year," Go added.

Go's wards, better known as the GTK Army, are feared and revered in the past SEA Games stagings and are eyeing 12 to 15 gold medals in the biennial event.

The "Army" has remained intact for the Milo National Open but Go does not discount the possibility that new names would emerge to increase the number of the elite bunch.

Sad saga for Criselda

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

IF it was an accident as they say it was, what a shame.

I refer to an ugly incident with Ma. Criselda Roxas, a member of the national taekwondo team, at the receiving end of it.

As reported in the papers, Roxas suffered a broken jaw inflicted—accidentally it is said—by Brix Ramos in a sparring session recently.

The injury sent Roxas to a 9-day stay at a hospital, where her jaw had been reattached through wiring.

The sadder part was, Roxas lost her chance to play in the World Taekwondo Championship in Spain. *Nada*.

The saddest part was, she had been ordered to go on a liquid diet for two months. *Adios* pasta *adorada*.

I don't know what her favorite food is, but what I'm sure of is, she will not be eating CPA (Chicken Pork Adobo) for the next eight weeks or so. If that's not punishment enough—CPA being the national food to many Pinoys—I don't know what is.

Come now lawmakers Boying Remulla, Liza Maza and Teddy Boy Casino saying they will investigate the case and, if need be, come up later maybe with a law prohibiting the pitting of man against woman in a contact sport.

They could be barking up the wrong tree and I say, cut the crap, your honors?

There is no known contact sport at the moment that pits man against woman.

Sparring between man and woman, yes.

But a contact sport pitting man against woman?

You must be kidding.

That'd be an automatic mismatch and no one with a sane mind would even dare think of putting up one.

Maybe in the movies, yes, as in Catwoman versus Batman, or Wonder Woman versus Superman.

But in real life, that's a no-no.

Have you ever seen Muhammad Ali's daughter, who is now world boxing champion, fight a man atop the ring?

I've heard about former world champion Rolando Navarette getting knocked out by a woman. But it happened with the aid of a lead pipe or something that the boxer's lover used against Navarette in a fit of rage.

Mismatch.

And that duel wasn't held atop the ring, mind you. In short, unsanctioned by the GAB - he-he.

In the case at bar, Roxas, an 18-year-old taekwondo-jin from De La Salle, was not actually in an actual combat with Ramos. The reports said they were in a sparring session, which, under the rules of the sport, was perfectly legal.

A spar is supposed to be a simulation of a fight between two persons, as in two boxers or judokas. It is done to either test the strength of one preparing for a big fight, or to perfect strategy and tactics needed when actual fight begins.

There are times when a spar gets out of control, as when one side suddenly takes the mock contest seriously when he/she feels the other side is dishing off real hits.

But that is the exception, rather than the rule. And if that happens, it's absolutely between two combatants of the same gender.

That's is why to imply that Brix Ramos, a male, had intentionally delivered a real blow to the jaw of Ma. Criselda Roxas, a woman, would be unthinkable, if not a downright lie.

In his explanation of the incident, Hong Sung Chon, vice president of the Philippine Taekwondo Association, said: "Pitting men against women in taekwondo is common practice not only here, but all over the world. This is one way of toughening women up especially when they are training for the world championship."

I can believe him.

My own daughter, Malaya, is a taekwondo black-belter. She admitted to me it's common of her to spar with men.

In short, as I was saying, Roxas suffered an accident and what a shame, if not a pity, it had happened.

I know that having one's jaw broken in a sparring sessions is a nightmare of the first degree. But then, hasn't Muhammad Ali himself suffered a broken jaw—in an actual fight at that with Ken Norton—some decades back?

Ali lost that fight but in a rematch, he beat Norton.

Her injury will heal in no time, but for Ma. Criselda Roxas, recovering from the trauma of this sad saga this early in her career is what should be of paramount importance.

There, actually, is no need to rush things up, my dear child.

This accident—if it was really one—why, charge it to experience.

When you are 18, the world is there for the taking.

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Filipino boxers Thailand-bound

THE AMATEUR Boxing Association of the Philippines continues with its build-up for the coming Southeast Asian Games by sending national team aspirants to two international tournaments this month.

A six-man squad composed of Olympians light flyweight Harry Tanamor, flyweight Violito Payla, bantamweight Rolando Magbanua, lightweight Anthony Marcial, light welterweight Florencio Ferrer and middleweight Francis Joven, will participate in the 27th King's Cup in Thailand on April 6 to 11.

The team bound for Thailand will be coached by Leopoldo Cantancio and Elmer Pamisa and will be led by ABAP president Manny T. Lopez.

Another group, a seven-man team coached by Nolito Velasco and Vicente Arcenal and composed of light fly Godfrey Castro, fly Warlito Parrenas, bantam Joan Tipon, feather Junard Ladon, lightweight Genebert Basadre, light welter Mark Jason Melligen and returning welter Reynaldo Galido and delegation head Liberato Reyna, will fly to Turkey for the Ahmet Comert tournament in Istanbul, Turkey, set April 19 to 25.

"The results from these two tournaments will be part of the basis for the composition of the national squad which will see action in the Manila Southeast Asian Games in November," said Lopez. "Hopefully, we will get good results from these events after a disastrous stint in Azerbaijan recently."

The Azerbaijan contingent failed to bring home any medal, though the coaching staff learned a lesson or two from the experience.

"This is precisely the reason why we are constantly shuffling our boxers," said Lopez. "We would like to form the strongest team possible for the SEA Games."

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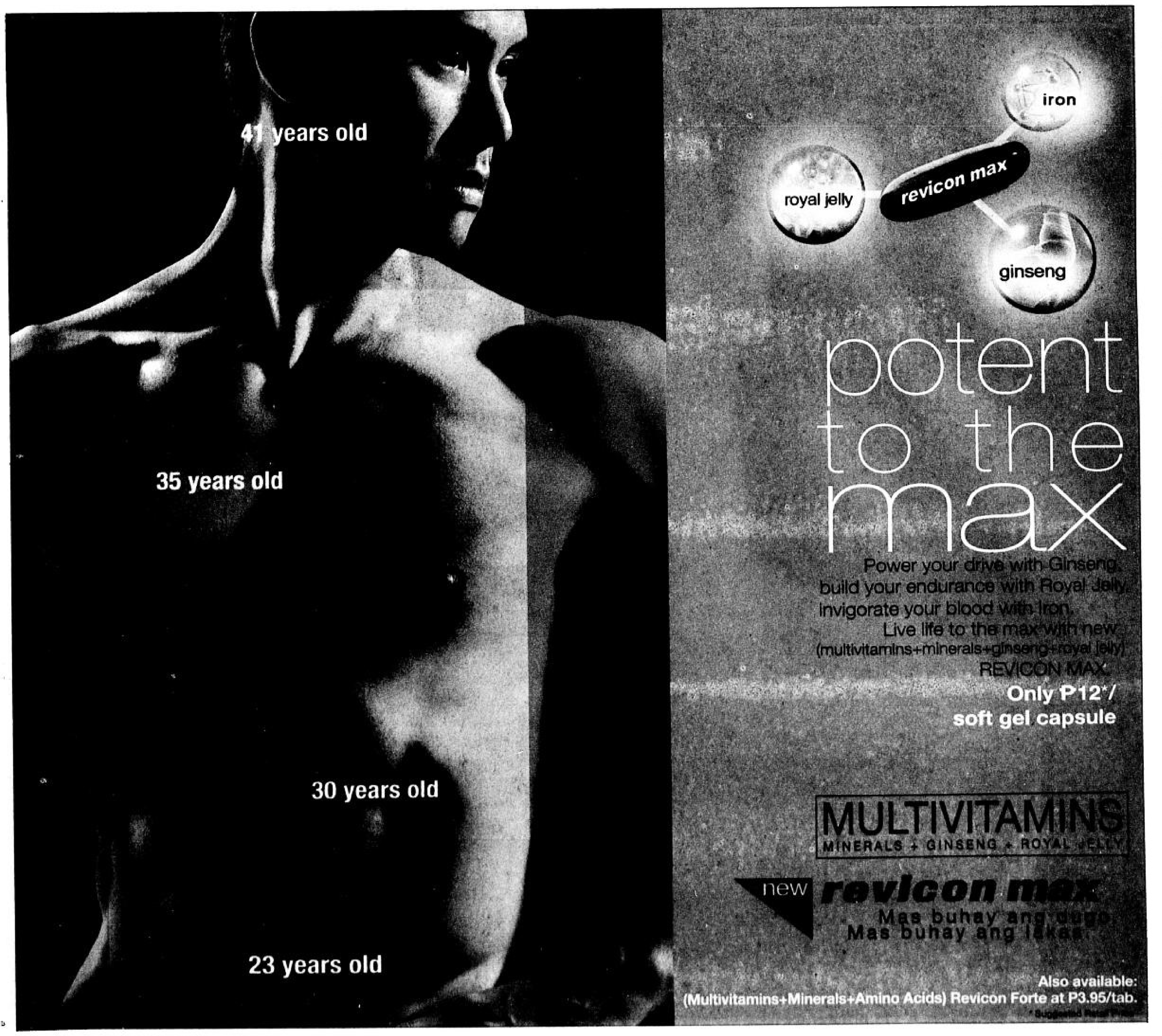

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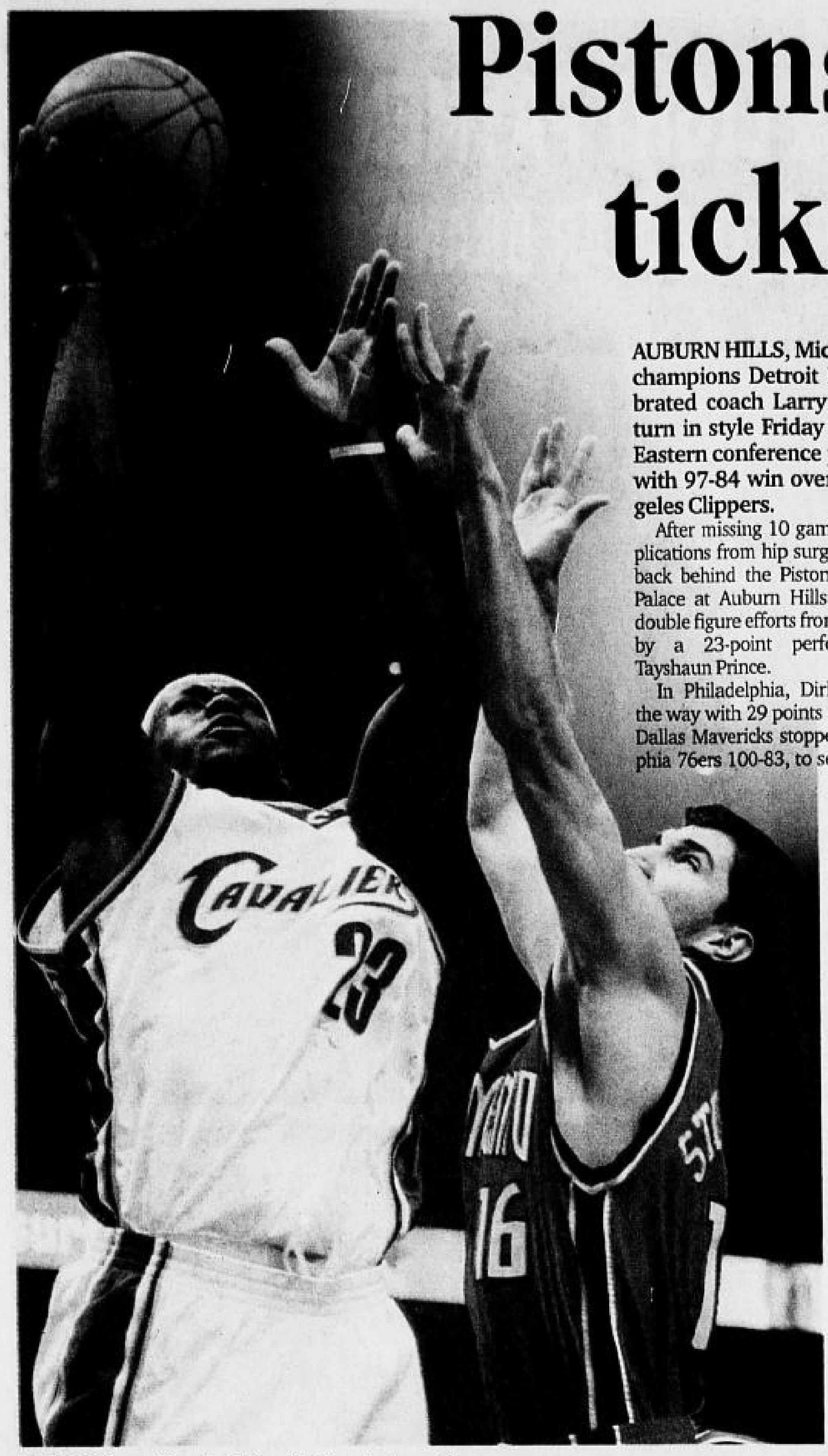

LEBRON James' heroics fail to lift Cleveland past Sacramento. AP

AUBURN HILLS, Michigan—NBA champions Detroit Pistons celebrated coach Larry Brown's return in style Friday clinching an Eastern conference playoff berth with 97-84 win over the Los Angeles Clippers.

After missing 10 games due to complications from hip surgery, Brown was back behind the Pistons bench at the Palace at Auburn Hills as Detroit got double figure efforts from six players led by a 23-point performance from Tayshaun Prince.

In Philadelphia, Dirk Nowitzki led the way with 29 points as the streaking Dallas Mavericks stopped the Philadelphia 76ers 100-83, to secure a Western conference playoff berth with their fourth consecutive win.

In Phoenix, Steve Nash scored 28 points and dished out 11 assists as the Suns tamed the Minnesota Timberwolves, 107-98

In Denver, Earl Boykins had 23 points and Carmelo Anthony added 18 as the Nuggets dismissed the San Antonio Spurs 102-84 for a seventh straight home win.

In New York, Vince Carter poured in 31 points as New Jersey Nets edged the New York Knicks 93-91.

In Houston, Lee Nailon had 16 points off the bench and Chris Andersen snared 16 rebounds as the New Orleans Hornets stung the Rockets, 76-73.

In Cleveland, Peja Stojakovic, Mike Bibby and Cuttino Mobley each potted 22 points as the Sacramento Kings cruised to a 128-109 win over the Cavaliers, despite a 35-point performance from LeBron James.

In Milwaukee, Pau Gasol scored 20 points and added seven rebounds and six assists guiding the Memphis Grizzlies to a 93-82 win over the Bucks.

In Orlando, Gilbert Arenas nailed 31 points and Larry Hughes chipped in with 30 to power the Washington Wizards past the Magic 111-102.

In Atlanta, Ricky Davis scored a season-high 36 points as the Boston Celtics crushed the last place Hawks 116-100.

In Charlotte, the Toronto Raptors scored a 119-197 win over the expansion Bobcats. *Reuters*

Federer reaches final

KEY BISCAYNE, Florida—A high-level tennis source from Las Vegas said the smart money Sunday will be on Roger Federer against 18-year-old Rafael Nadal in the final of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

"I'm going to go out on a limb," Vegas native Andre Agassi said. "I'm going to say the person who's 47-1 over the past seven months is the favorite."

It's tough to bet against the top-ranked Federer when he has won 17 consecutive finals and 21 consecutive matches. He extended the latter streak Friday night by beating six-time champion Agassi 6-4, 6-3 in the semifinals.

"He's playing levels above everybody else," Agassi said. "He has proved that for a while now."

Federer is 31-1 this year, the best start on the men's tour since John McEnroe was 39-0 in 1984. In 48 matches dating back to the start of the US Open, his only loss was to Marat Safin in the semifinals of the Australian Open.

Nadal, 18, plans to show up for the best-of-five match anyway. After all, the left-handed Spaniard upset Federer the only time they met—in the third round at Key Biscayne a year ago.

FEDERER: Above everyone else. REUTERS

"I am not scared for the final," Nadal said in slightly broken English. "Last year against Federer, I play one of my best matches in my career, no? I play unbelievable, and I really hope I play the same match this year."

Federer will take on the youngest men's finalist in tournament history after beating the oldest player in the 96-man draw.

Agassi, 34 and playing at Key Biscayne for the 19th year in a row, had the stadium crowd chanting his name but spent most of the night on the defensive against Federer, who hit 30 winners. *AP*

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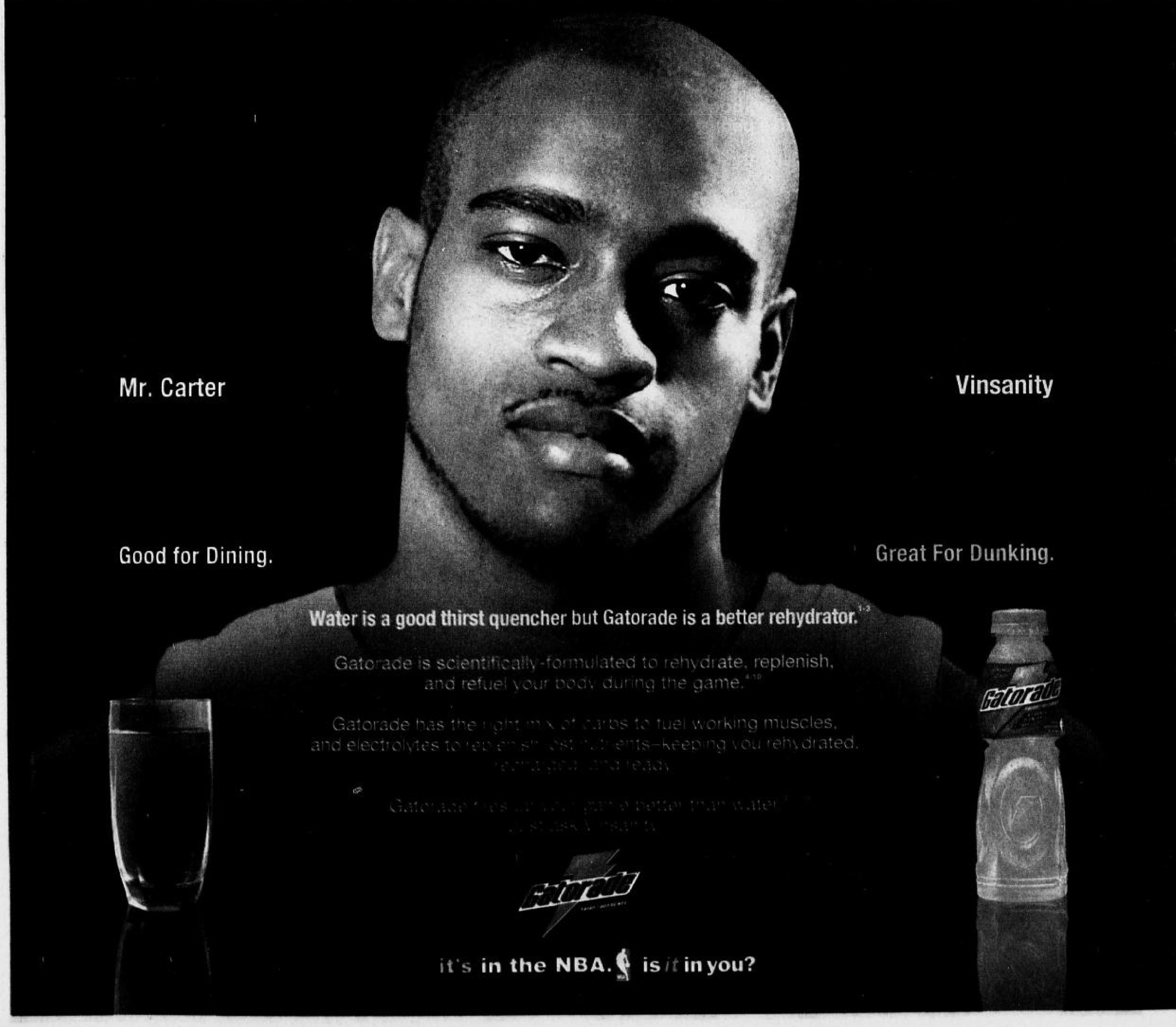

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Carl Pavano and Jaret Wright as free agents to fix their starting rotation. They brought in Tony Womack to play second, and brought back Tino Martinez to play first while trying to find out if Jason Giambi will recover from injuries and illness and rebound from an offseason filled with steroid controversy.

"I miss playing here. This is where I want to be," said Martinez, who helped the Yankees win four World Series titles from 1996-2000. "Playing in Yankee Stadium in front of those fans every day, a sold out stadium, playoff atmosphere every night, you don't get that anywhere else."

New York already has sold 3.1 million tickets at an average price of more than $40, a big reason it can afford MLB's first $200 million payroll. The Yankees are 200,000 tickets ahead of the pace they set last year, when they drew 3.78 million, and 620,000 ahead of 2003.

Up in Boston, where the Red Sox have sold 2.5 million tickets for tiny Fenway Park (leaving only 300,000 available), Pedro Martinez departed for the New York Mets and Derek Lowe for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Wells and Matt Clement were brought in, and Edgar Renteria was lured from the Cardinals to replace Orlando Cabrera at shortstop.

"I don't want for one minute to get lost what we need to do in '05," Boston manager Terry Francona said, "because if we lose sight of that, what we did in '04 isn't going to mean much for very long."

Boston hopes Schilling's ankle, still recovering from surgery, will allow him to pitch by mid-April. The Red Sox count on big seasons again from Manny Ramirez, David Ortiz, Johnny Damon, Jason Varitek and Kevin Millar, more consistency from starters Tim Wakefield and Bronson Arroyo, and more outstanding closing by Keith Foulke. *AP*

Phelps tops 400 freestyle

INDIANAPOLIS—Michael Phelps withdrew from one of his strongest events at the US trials for swimming's World Championships—the 400-meter individual medley—on Friday and then won the 400 freestyle, an event he hasn't contested at a major meet since 2003.

The 19-year-old Olympic gold medalist led the entire way in the 400 free, completing the distance in 3 minutes, 47.79 seconds and winning by nearly 1.6 seconds.

Coach Bob Bowman said he didn't want to push Phelps into two long-distance events on the same day because of a back injury that forced Phelps out of the Short Course World Championships in October. Besides, Bowman said, the schedule at the world championships in July likely would have precluded Phelps from competing in the 400 IM at Montreal.

While Phelps was the headliner Friday, the marquee event had world-record holder Brendan Hansen easily beat former record-holder Ed Moses in the 100 breaststroke. After qualifying one-two, Hansen won the side-by-side duel in 1:00.13. Mark Gangloff was second in 1:01.36, while Moses faded to fifth in 1:02.21.

In other events, Katie Hoff cruised to victory in the 200 IM by setting an American record of 2:11.24. *AP*

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the United States, a stint at the University of Utah which lasted two years.

Standing alongside the latest trophy in a growing collection, Bogut said, "I have been coached by Australian guys, European guys and American guys and they have all helped me in so many ways. They all tried to make me a better player."

It worked.

Bogut led Division I with 26 double-doubles in 35 games this season. He was second in rebounding at 12.2 per game, and fourth in field goal percentage at 62 percent. He averaged 20.4 points per game (15th in the US) and 2.3 assists while playing 35 minutes. *AP*

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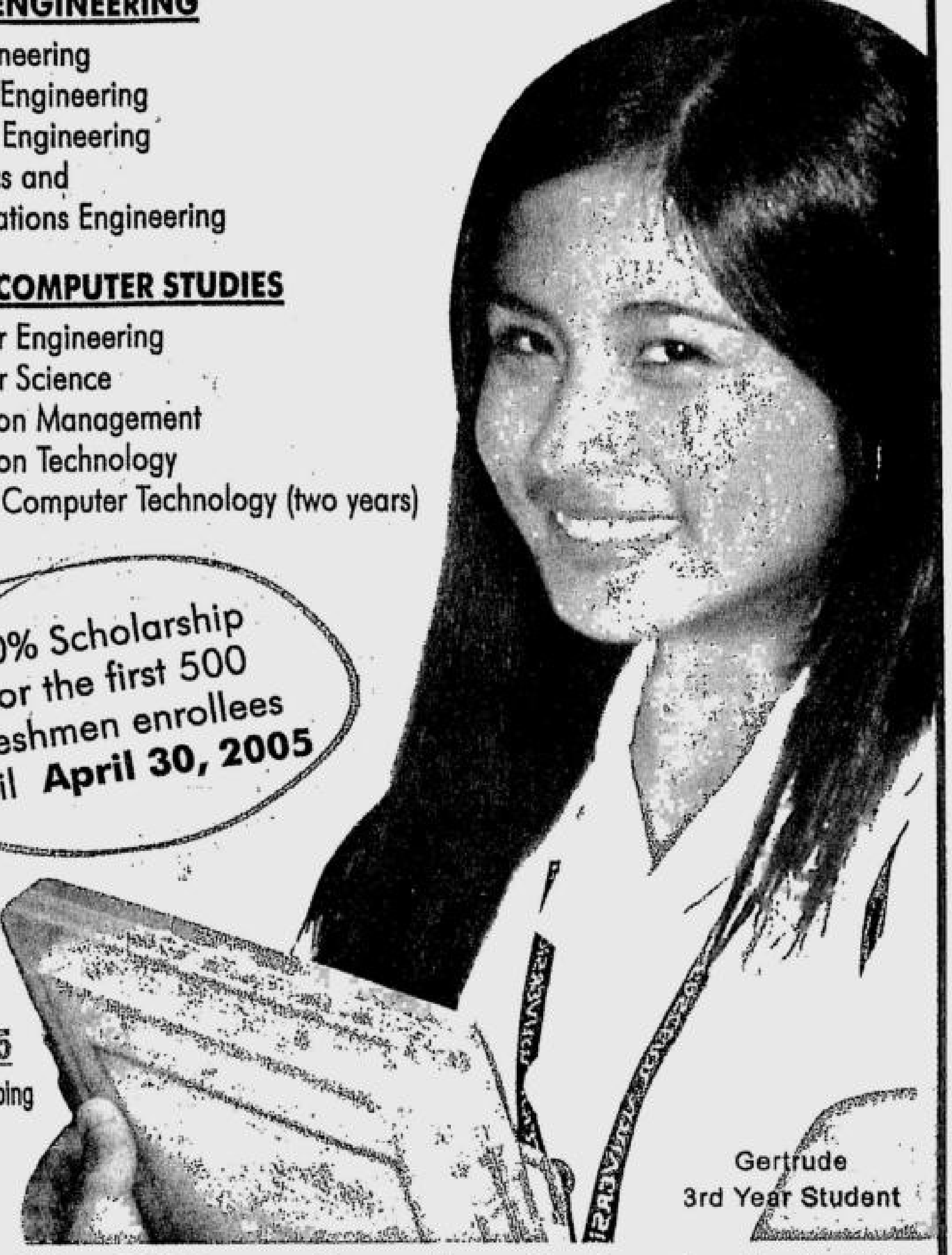

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Favorites inch closer to Nestea Beach Volley finals

THE FAVORITES yesterday continued their winning ways in the 9th Nestea Beach Volley Luzon eliminations at the La Salle Greenhills sand court.

In the men's division, St. Benilde, Far Eastern U and UP Diliman turned back their respective opponents for identical 2-0 records that shoved them closer into the quarterfinals.

St. Benilde, the reigning NCAA champion, dumped winless St. Jude College, 21-8; FEU survived St. Francis of Assisi, 21-18, and UP Diliman wore down Perpetual Help in overtime, 23-21.

In the women's division, PCU Manila, also the reigning NCAA champion, and St. Benilde, the NCAA runner-up, completed a three-game sweep of their elims schedule.

Relying on better teamwork, PCU downed Adamson, 21-10, while St. Benilde made short work of UP Diliman, 21-7. The PCU and St. Benilde lady spikers moved into today's quarterfinals where they will be joined by six more teams. The four winners in the afternoon will earn slots to the Boracay stage on May 5 to 7.

The same goes with the men's division today. From 16 teams, it will be reduced to eight by noon and to four late in the afternoon—the survivors also earning tickets to sunny Boracay.

Only a 3-0 record serves as an automatic ticket to the quarterfinals. In case of a logjam at 2-1, the quotient system will be applied.

Sporting 1-1 records in the men's division were La Salle, which defeated St. Louis Baguio, 26-24, and St. Francis. At 1-0 and also playing as of presstime were PATTS, Pampanga Agricultural School and Adamson.

The six quarterfinals slots in the women's side is a tossup among Ateneo (2-0), Adamson (2-1), University of Baguio (2-1), Lyceum (1-1), St. Jude (1-1), Letran (1-2), University of Asia-Pacific (1-2), St. Louis (0-2) and San Sebastian Cavite (0-2).

This year's sponsors are Speedo, Mikasa, Cebu Pacific, Hey Jude Resorts, La Salle Greenhills, Villa de Oro, Coppertone, Boracay Regency, Power Plant Mall, National Sports Grill and clickthecity.com.

Champion teams will receive P100,000 each and P50,000 worth of sports equipment for their respective schools.

Sayer gains boys' final vs Magdas

By Musong R. Castillo

MARTIN Sayer of Hong Kong and Adbullah Magdas arranged a title showdown for the boys' division of the 16th Mitsubishi Lancer International Junior tennis championships after fashioning out contrasting three-set victories over separate foes yesterday.

Sayer pounced on a weary Samuel Groth of Australia for a come-from-behind 5-7, 6-0, 6-0 victory before the Kuwaiti Magdas ended Japanese Shuhei Uzawa's run with a 6-4, 3-6, 6-2 victory in the other semifinal.

The sixth-seeded Magdas won in a marathon two-hour and 20 minutes, breaking Uzawa in the third game of the deciding set.

Sayer, on the other hand, took advantage of the Australian's exhaustion, winning in just an hour and 45 minutes.

"I just couldn't move out there anymore," said Groth, who complained of the extreme heat.

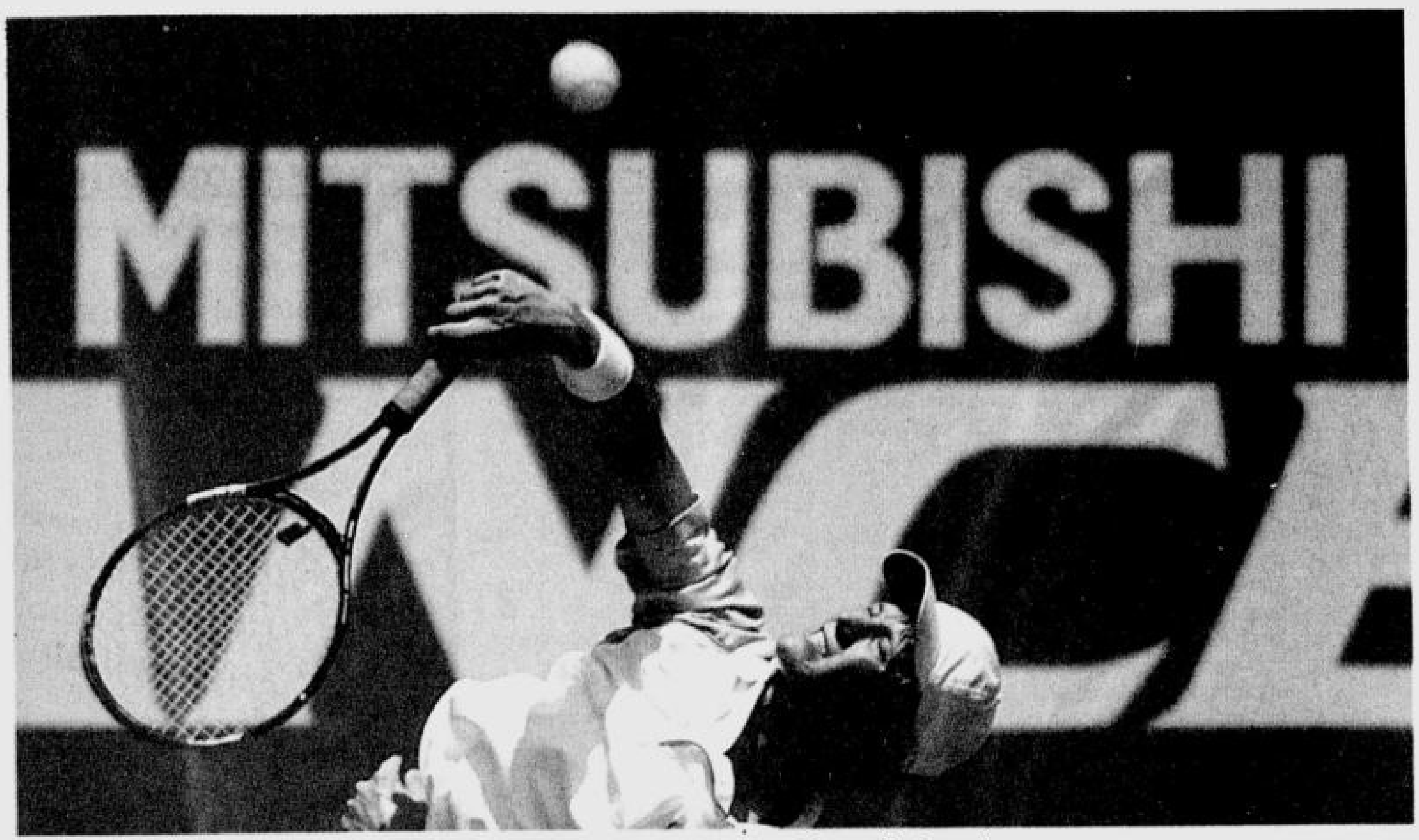
Groth, who bundled out Indian No. 1 Vivek Shokeen on Friday, bravely tried to fight on, but was broken for a 0-2 deficit in the second set after six deuces.

Taiwan, meanwhile, put two players in the girls' finals after top seed Chan Yung-jan and third-ranked Hsu Wen-hsin took contrasting routes to get there.

Chan, ranked seventh in the world, shook off a lethargic second set to win, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2, over a well-rested Mihaela Buzarnescu.

Hsu made the finals without dropping a set, her 6-1, 6-1 romp of countrywoman Hwang I-hsuan downplaying the form that she has displayed in this tournament ranked the 12th toughest in the world by the ITF.

The finals start at 9 a.m.



MARTIN Sayer of Hongkong serves against Samuel Groth of Australia during their semifinal match. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

Bad shots derail Valle; Reyes alive

THE TABLE was simply unkind to Gandy Valle.

Two bad shots on balls along the rail in the last five racks was his undoing on Saturday as he bowed to Chinese-Taipei's Yang Chin-Shun, 9-6, in the quarterfinals of the second leg of the San Miguel Asian 9-Ball Tour at the Hanngar Billiard and Recreation Center in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Valle's defeat left one Filipino standing in the $50,000 event organized by ESPN Star Sports—Efren "Bata" Reyes, the top seed who was facing another Taiwanese, Kuo Po-Cheng, on the other side of the bracket.

Coming off a difficult but stirring 9-8 upset of second-seeded compatriot Francisco "Django" Bustamante in the second round late Friday, the unseeded Valle, backed by Puyat Sports, rallied from two racks down to take a 4-3 lead until disaster struck in the 11th frame.

With the match tied at 5-5, the winner of the first Tour leg in Singapore muffed a shot on the 5-ball to the corner pocket while using a bridge, the cue ball caroming strangely off the rail instead of running alongside it.

Yang, ranked 38th in the world and the only non-Filipino winner on the 3-year-old Tour so far, ran out the table for a 6-5 lead. The fifth seed also took three of the next four racks—spiked by a great jump shot on the 7-ball to the corner—for an 8-6 advantage.

He then watched as Valle stifled himself on the final frame by mishitting a shot on the 6-ball, which would have been pocketable after a possible 6-7 combo on the rail to the corner pocket.

"Bumuka yung tira ko sa 5, tumalbog sa rail, dapat follow shot lang 'yun para placing sa 7 (My shot at the No. 5 bounced off the rail. It was supposed to be a follow shot to prepare for the No. 7)," said Valle in the event bankrolled by San Miguel Beer.

Unknown shocks Antonio; Torre wins

LITTLE-KNOWN Perkins Bayron shocked Grandmaster Joey Antonio in the first-round of the Filway/Timelife Chess Championship Mindanao leg yesterday at the Entertainment Area of SM City-Davao in Davao City.

Bayron's disposal of the tournament top seed overshadowed the victories posted by the country's top two players GM Eugene Torre and International Master Mark Paragua.

Torre nipped Relix Borbon while Paragua outplayed Charlie Magne Boter to save the day for the favorites.

The other big guns to score a full point were IMs Idelfonso Datu and Barlo Nadera, FIDE Master Oliver Dimakiling, National Masters Rolando Nolte, Alexander Lupian and US Master Pedro Tidoy.

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The fourth-seeded Datu beat Reginald Braceros; Nadera downed Noli Cabilas; Dimakiling outplayed Rodrigo Catayas; Nolte defeated Mario Caguida, Jr.; Lupian trounced Teofisto Camasin; and Tidoy whipped Bernabe Cataluna.

The event, supported by Filway Marketing CEO/President Hector Tagaysay offers P30,000 to the champion in the Open division.

Tagaysay and PSC Commissioner Leon Montemayor made the ceremonial moves along with Paragua, Torre and Antonio.

In the distaff side, Mallorca Olympiad veteran Loreshyl Cuizon beat Lovely Engay to share the early lead with Mary Angeli Dimakiling.

Project director Wilfredo Abalos said the tournament seeding was based on the local rating of the players. *Marlon Bernardino, contributor*

Beach football meets kick off April 23-24

THE BEACH Football Association of the Philippines' summer tournaments will kick off on April 23 to 24 at the waterfront of Subic Freeport.

More than 20 men's and women's teams will participate in "Kicksand 2005" led by school-based squads University of the Philippines, Ateneo, La Salle and University of Sto. Tomas.

Other sports clubs including the UP-Mountaineers, Kaya, Mama Sita's and Legenda have also signed up.

Action will then move to Boracay when the Philippine Air Force defends its title in the all-male national Invitational Championships on May 14 to 15.

Local and expatriate teams from Manila, Iloilo and Boracay will be among the participants.

"We are celebrating the tenth year of beach football in the country since it was first introduced in Puerto Galera," said BFAP president Mike Athab yesterday during the press conference at the Hard Rock Cafe in Glorietta. "Right now, it is also played in Davao, General Santos and Boracay."

Athab noted that beach football is also getting popular in other Asian countries such as Japan, Malaysia and Thailand.

"There are more and more people getting interested in the sport," added Philippine Football Federation president Johnny Romualdez.

The events are supported by the SBMA, Moby Hotdog, Caribou Restaurant, Cali, official hotel Legenda, and media partners Philippine Daily Inquirer, Philippine Star, DWTM, DWRT and Wave. *Jasmine W. Payo*

Legaspi, Castillo cruise to JVC Jrs Open q'finals

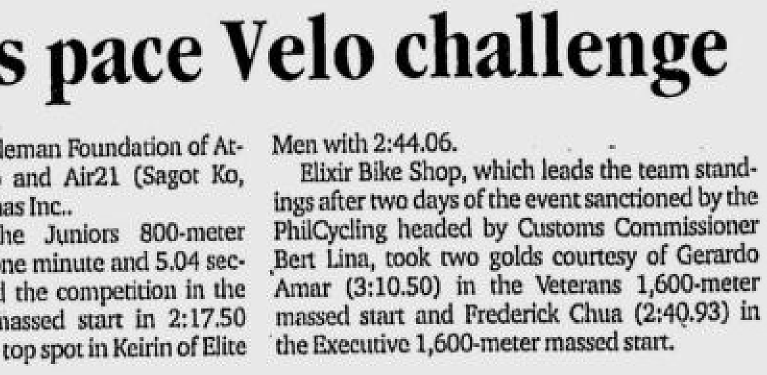
BIANCA Legaspi and Gelita Castillo romped away with easy victories over their respective rivals to barge into the quarterfinal round of the JVC Badminton Open Juniors Championships at SM North EDSA yesterday.

Legaspi, playing out of Asuncion Badminton Center, dropped only one point against Jeryss Monique Lu, 11-1, 11-0, to lead the quarterfinalists in the 14-under division of this event.

Castillo, a Centro Atletico player, trounced Camille Yang, 11-3, 11-0, in a big follow-up to her 11-0, 11-1 win over Keeshalane Theodosis in the final day of the qualifiers Thursday.

The victory set up Castillo for a quarterfinal match with Kiara Anjali Castelo, who thwarted Diane Reina of Balanga Badminton Club, 11-7, 11-6.

Earlier, QC Councilor Jorge Banal, representing QC Mayor Sonny Belmonte, hit the ceremonial serve to kick off the tournament.



JVC (PHILS.) INC. president and CEO Hideyuki Takato (fourth from left) hits the ceremonial serve with (from left) Quezon City Councilor Jorge Banal, Jr., Ruby Reyes, Mika Takato, Cynthia Carrion, Kazue Salud and Robby Decena.

Puerto Princesa riders pace Velo challenge

PUERTO Princesa CITY burst out of the newly refurbished Amoranto Velodrome in Quezon City yesterday, pacing the six-team field on the third day of the First Philippine Velo Challenge.

Three riders snared a gold medal each for Mayor Edward Hagedorn's team after Leonel Dimaang, Virgilio Valenzuela and Bryan Dimacali topped their respective fields in the event co-presented by the First Gentleman Foundation of Atty. Jose Miguel Arroyo and Air21 (Sagot Ko, Padala Mo!)-Tour Pilipinas Inc..

Dimaang topped the Juniors 800-meter massed start, clocking one minute and 5.04 seconds. Valenzuela bested the competition in the Masters 1,600-meter massed start in 2:17.50 while Dimacali took the top spot in Keirin of Elite Men with 2:44.06.

Elixir Bike Shop, which leads the team standings after two days of the event sanctioned by the PhilCycling headed by Customs Commissioner Bert Lina, took two golds courtesy of Gerardo Amar (3:10.50) in the Veterans 1,600-meter massed start and Frederick Chua (2:40.93) in the Executive 1,600-meter massed start.

SPORTSWATCH

Mild Seven features Bahrain GP

THE MILD Seven F1 Club will celebrate the start of the primetime F1 races in two venues, the fantastic kart place in Speedzone at Fort Bonifacio and the PHI Resto Bar at Metrowalk in Ortigas Center this Sunday at 6:30 p.m. highlighted by the live showing the Bahrain F1 GP. The 2005 Speedzone-MP Turbo Endurance Kart Championship Series will also have its second Sprint race at Speedzone starting at 1 p.m. The Speedzone series has two championships, namely the Endurance and the Sprint championships, which coincides with all the F1 race days. The Mild Seven F1 Club is sponsored by Mild Seven, Speedzone, PHI Resto Bar, Comfort Zone, Puma Footwear and Apparel, JVC, To Gear, MP Turbo and Speed with official radio stations Joey 92.3 and Monster RX 93.1 FM. The Mild Seven F1 Club is open to all race enthusiasts 18 years and older. No admission fee is charged and to join the F1 Club, one only has to fill up the form and join the contests. For more info, please contact MP Turbo at 0919-4921575.

NFGB hosts big derby

THE NATIONAL Federation of Gamefowl Breeders (NFGB), an umbrella organization of 14 breeders groups all over the country, will present the National 7-Bullstag Derby on April 18, 19 and 21 at the Araneta Coliseum. "This is the first time ever that the NFGB will hold a Bullstag derby, that's why NFGB members are very excited and are preparing hard for the event," said NFGB president Ricoy Palmares. Most of the bets to be fielded won in the Bakbakan 8-Stag Derby last year, ensuring tough competition, said Palmares. As of yesterday, over 150 cockhouse reservations were received by the organizing committee. The event is supported by Thunderbird Platinum, Ridaworm of Transcend Phils., Strike Power Feeds of Asvet Inc., Oxyrid of Excellence Gamefowl Specialists, Purina Bio 800, Supremo, Belamyl and Bayer Labuyo. For other inquires, contact 7212566.

Fistorama airs RP title bout

SAMSUNG'S Fistorama today features Elmer Geron of Mandaue, who defended his RP mini-flyweight crown against Carlo Besares of Cotabato in twelve rounds. The fight was held at the New Gallera of Mandaue in Mandaue City last Monday in a fight card promoted by Rex "Wakee" Salud. Samsung's Fistorama is aired thrice weekly in the United States, Europe, Middle East, Australia, Japan, Hong Kong and other parts of the world through The Filipino Channel. Samsung's Fistorama, supported by Samsung, Tanduay, PCSO and Mapecon, is aired at 4 p.m., Sundays on RPN-9. The longest running local sports program Golf Power Plus, featuring the third and final set of the title match in the open division of the Toyota Balintawak Women's Beach Volleyball Challenge between PAF II and Navy, precedes the program at 3 p.m.

YOUNG CHAMP: Alliance of Quezon City Homeowners Association Inc. Youth and Sports Committee chair Danny L. Mendoza awards trophy to 13-year-old Alice Francis Rivera, who bested older rivals in the Class C division of the third AQCHAI Inter-Village Golf Tournament with a one-under-par 71.

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Real Spicy, Empire King eye revenge

EMPIRE King flashes winning form during the 4th Mitra Cup. JESS YUSON

By Edwin Villanueva
Contributor

REAL Spicy and Empire King lost in practically the same manner the last time around. Both had awful starts, causing them precious grounds down the stretch and allowing victories to elude them.

This afternoon, both gallopers try to get back on the winning track as they seek revenge against arch rivals in two P1-million races at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

Real Spicy clashes with Speed Advantage and Speed Majesty anew and will have a new running mate in War Alert in the Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud Cup. Empire King, on the other hand, renews his rivalry with Cover Girl and West Bound in the President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo Cup.

A perfectly played rabbit's role by Speed Majesty did wonders for Speed Advantage who went on to beat Real Spicy in the Chairman's Cup recently.

The protest-marred race saw Speed Majesty out-breaking Real Spicy, denying the latter the chance to track the pacesetters early on and in the process set up Speed Advantage's triumphant charge to the payoff wire.

But ace jockey Pat Dilema has vowed to give Real Spicy the proper spot at the start come today's outing.

"*Tingin ko maganda lang ang ialis namin malaki ang tsansang manalo* (I think we'll have a big chance of winning if we'll have a good start)," said the 26-year-old, seven-time Jockey of the Year awardee.

In a change of strategy, the Hermie Esguerra Stable decided to field in the towering colt War Alert in the hope of matching Speed Majesty's early burst of speed, a task Joint Account failed to do the last time out. Veteran Manolito Daquis will guide War Alert.

As for the Yutadco Stable's ploy, Fernando Raquel Jr. will be back atop Speed Advantage, who was ridden by Antonio Alcasid in the Chairman's Cup. Jonathan Hernandez has been tasked to steer Speed Majesty for the first time.

Completing the cast in the Crown Prince Abdullah Cup (1,600 meters) are Thywillbedone, Vivere and Full of Fury, while Free Wind and imports Good Landing and Last Snip round out the President Macapagal Arroyo Cup (1,750 m).

Both races, held as part of the Philippines-Saudi Arabia Friendship Day, offer P600,000 to the winner. Main backer of the events is the Philippine Racing Commission under chair Jimmy Dilag and host Manila Jockey Club.

RACING TIPS

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Race 2—1. Money for Rap 2. Malone 3. Unrivaled 4. Super Dave
Race 3—1. Royal Rose 2. Faragut's Order 3. Blitzkrieg 4. Zero Gravity
Race 4—1. Real Spicy/War Alert 2. Speed Advantage/Speed Majesty
Race 5—1. Vice Free 2. Time Enchanted 3. Western Dancer 4. Sand Splash 5. Penthouse
Race 6—1. Empire King 2. Cover Girl/West Bound
Race 7—1. Ichiro 2. Nico's In Charge 3. Yankee Clipper 4. God is Good
Race 8—1. Sound Offer 2. American Woman 3. Master King 4. Heroics
Race 9—1. Ghurka 2. Cat's Jewel
Race 10—1. Feng Shui 2. Smooth Strike 3. In D Wind 4. True Justice
Race 11—1. Shadowfax 2. Speed O War 3. Marque
Race 12—1. Pasirit 2. Long Road 3. Cunning Eagle 4. Valiant Queen
Race 13—1. Order of Merit 2. Sir Henry/Mister Cool 3. Fortissimo 4. Magic Dancer 5. Candy's Angel 6. Overture

Mr and Ms Philippines up at Star City April 30

THE MUCH-AWAITED Mr and Ms Philippines 2005 will be held at the Star Theater, M Jalandoni Street, Star City, CCP Complex, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, on April 30 at 1:30 p.m.

One hundred bodybuilders from gyms all over the Philippines are expected to compete in this annual search involving eight body-weight categories.

To be contested in the male division are light flyweight (55 kg and below), flyweight (60 kg and below), bantam weight (65 kg and below), lightweight (70 kg and below), welterweight (75 kg and below), light middleweight (80 kg and below), middleweight (85 kg and below) and light heavyweight (above 85 kg).

Categories in the female division are lightweight (52 kg and below), middleweight (85 kg and below), and heavyweight (over 58 kg).

At stake are the official titles "Mr Philippines 2005" and "Ms Philippines 2005," medals, cash prizes, gifts, inclusion to Team Philippines and an opportunity to compete in the Asian Bodybuilding Championships in Bangkok on Sept. 14-18 and in the Manila SEA Games on Nov. 28.

For details, call 5237913, 5230250, 536-4272; fax 5260318, 5364280 or e-mail excellenttravel@pacific.net.ph.

adidas Streetball Challenge turns 10

THE EXTREME half-court game of street basketball returns with the adidas Streetball Challenge 2005, now on its 10th year. Scheduled to kick off with the NCR leg on April 16 at the SM Megamall open area parking grounds, the screening of teams will be held starting April 13-15 in front of the adidas Brand store, Ali Mall.

The competition gets going at the Ateneo de Naga on April 22, University of the Assumption in Pampanga on April 30, De La Salle Lipa on May 5, St. Louis University of Baguio on May 13-14 and at the SM City Baguio on May 15.

For the Visayas phase, on May 20 at the University of San Agustin, Iloilo, June 4 at the University of St. La Salle in Bacolod and at the SM City Cebu on June 17-19.

For the Mindanao face-offs, Pelaez Gym at Cagayan de Oro on June 24, Ateneo de Zamboanga on July 2 and at the NCCC Mall of Davao on July 15-17. The National Finals is scheduled on July 30 and 31 at the Festival Mall.

Team members must be present during the screening with their entry forms completely filled out, and 1 x 1 photos. Each player must present valid proof of identification, a photocopy of birth certificate with original and NSO-authenticated copies, valid school ID and certificate of enrollment or certificate of residence, written permission from their parents/legal guardians and a signed waiver of responsibility for event-related injuries.

Each team is entitled to four members, plus one coach of legal age. All players, including the team coach will receive free uniforms, gym bags and products from participating sponsors.

Entry forms may also be downloaded at www.yehey.com/adidas starting April 6. For details, call Team Ventures at 5225953 or 4009745.

The national champions will represent the Philippines in the adidas Asian Streetball Finals 2005 to be held this September in Manila.

The event is co-presented by Globe Gentext in cooperation with McDonalds, Cherifer vitamins, Snickers chocolate bar, Coppertone Sport, adidas fragrance, and body care, 2GO, Powerade, Blue Angel alcohol, Milo, Viva mineral water with Yehey.com as official online partner.

For inquiries, call adidas Phils. Inc. at 6385888 loc 302 and look for Odette B. Velarde.

Big Event derby up

THE ONE-ON-ONE duel of cockfighting heavyweights will be featured in the Big Event 6-Cock Derby on April 9 at the fully air-conditioned Las Piñas Coliseum.

Entry fee of the event sponsored by Sagupaan Complexor 3000 is a staggering P330,000.

Former World Slasher Cup and defending champion Dicky Lim heads the elite cast that include 2005 World Slasher champ Boy Marzo, Sweater man Sonny Lagon, Patrick Antonio, Reps. Ronnie Puno, Gerry Boy Espina and Butch Pichay, Binangonan Balbina, Golden Circle entry, Gerry Ramos, Mayor Eddie Alarilla, Lito Orillaza, Rene Medina, GCAP president Rudy Albano, Pol Estrellado, Manny Pacquiao, Boy de Roca, James Uy, Rey Briones and Boy Royo.

"This derby format is being held at LPC only once a year," said venue manager Alex Tobias.

Call 8731040 and 8743910.

EPSON CUP 2
Participants warm up during the leveling sessions of the Epson Cup 2. The five-day badminton tournament will begin on April 9. For details, call Pioneer Badminton Center at 6385343 and 7460828.

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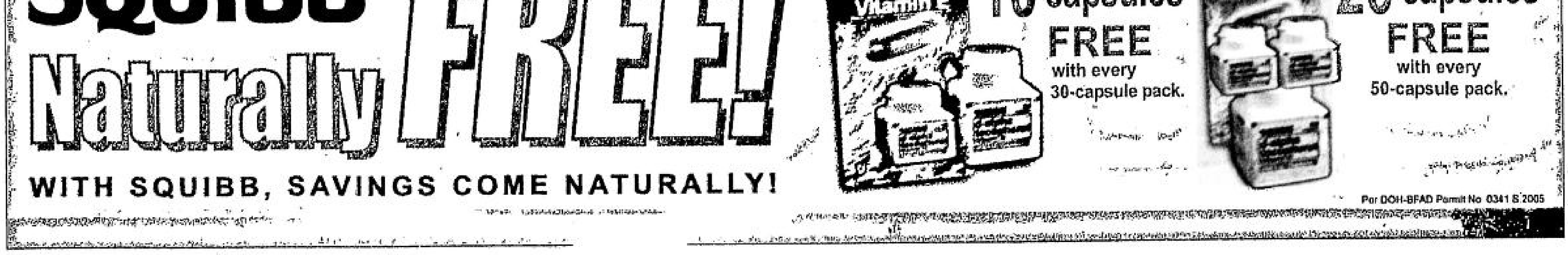


No revenge for Pacquiao as Morales goes heavier

FILIPINO boxing superstar Manny Pacquiao will not get a shot at vengeance against Erik "El Terrible" Morales.

The other day, the Mexican legend Morales announced that he will most likely be moving up into the bigger lightweight division, depending on an important unification fight involving one of his close friends.

Morales, who is currently enjoying a well-deserved vacation at the Bahamas with girlfriend Andrea Mora, revealed to the Mexican boxing media that he is still awaiting the result of the May 7 lightweight unification battle between WBC champ Jose Luis Castillo and WBO titleholder Diego Corrales before he can decide on his next move.

Morales indicated that if his good friend Castillo comes out victorious in this highly-anticipated bout, his next fight might be for the WBC lightweight title, which Castillo will immediately vacate to campaign in the higher 140-lb super lightweight division.

Earlier, Morales had indicated that HBO is already lining up a July date for his next fight.

"Especially if Jose Luis wins against Corrales, he will move up to super lightweight and I can dispute for the WBC lightweight title which he will leave vacant," Morales stressed, virtually closing the door for a planned rematch with Pacquiao, who had also informed earlier that he will remain as a junior lightweight.

Should a rematch with Morales get shelved, Pacquiao's other option for a pay-per-view bout would be WBC junior lightweight king Marco Antonio Barrera in a grudge rematch, provided that the Mexican gets past the quick-moving, fast-jabbing Mzonke Fana on April 9.

Unfortunately, Barrera does not seem interested in a rematch with Pacquiao, who handed him the worst beating in his career last year.

Barrera said three days ago that a match with Pacquiao may not be too logical, considering that if he beats the Filipino superstar, people might start saying he beat the man who was already cracked easy by Morales, whom he had beaten twice in the past. *Salven L. Lagumbay, Contributor*

MANNY Pacquiao receives his Gawad Kagitingan trophy from the Philippine Basketball League. At right is Alex Compton. RUDY ESPERAS

Southwoods Invt'l stakes ₱7M prizes

A BRAND new Mitsubishi Lancer GLX m/T, an 8-day/7-night Royal Caribbean Mexican Riviera cruise plus two Korean Air business-class tickets and a Wilson iron set top the hole-in-one prizes worth P7 million in the Manila Southwoods Invitational this month.

Defending champion tandem of Gil Domingo and Lito Abad leads a record field of 600 members and guests vying for signature trophies and attractive raffle prizes in the four-day, 36-hole, 2-man team competition set at the Masters and Legends championship courses from April 7-10.

"With the ace prizes available, it's no wonder that we have the biggest (in terms of participation) and the grandest Invitational in the club's history," said chair Freddie Mendoza of the Sports and Games Committee, organizer of the annual event.

Perennial corporate partners Mitsubishi Motors, Diamond Motors, Royal Caribbean International and Wilson Sports along with Samsung and newcomers Korean Air and El Nido Resorts make up this year's tournament presenters. Club Car-Turf Company, Globe Telecom and Nestlé are major sponsors.

Other prizes for lucky ace makers are the 4 days/3 nights El Nido vacation package for two inclusive of airfare and a Club Car DS golf cart.

Baron Gold Shop, Britesmile, CJH Dev. Co., CJH Manor, Club Leisure, Miramar Tuna Belly, MRT, Pan de Manila, Saud Beach Resort, Splash Island, Starmaker, TMS Shipping and Vein Care are the other backers of the event.

Mitsubishi Motors VP for marketing Mel Dizon, Diamond Motors president George Blaylock, Royal Caribbean president Marilen Yaptangco, Korean Air's Song Sik Yum, El Nido's Eduardo Miranda and Samsung president Spencer Shim have been invited to grace the affair.

Liberica golf set at Mount Malarayat

LIPA CITY—A brand new car as a hole-in-one prize, attractive giveaways and the fun and competition of a 36-hole tournament spice up Mount Malarayat's annual member-guest tournament dubbed the Liberica Golf Invitational.

Limited slots are left with the organizers determined to limit the number of teams to only 150 for the event to be held at the Mounts Makulot, Malipunyo and Lobo nines on April 14-16.

Adel Chavez and guest Philip Lindog are the defending overall champions of the tournament supported by Citimotors, San Miguel Corp., United Auctioneers, Asia International Auctioneer, Turf Company, Master Sports and Batangas Gov. Armand Sanchez.

"This promises to be the biggest Liberica event to date," said organizing chair Mark Mendoza. "Not only in terms of the field seeing action, but also in prizes and giveaways."

A registration fee of P6,000 per team will entitle each player to a personalized Liberica wedge worth P7,000 and the chance to shoot for a brand new car in a designated par-3 in each of the Malarayat's three nines.

Malarayat is in its best shape as it prepares to host the coming Philippine Open on May 11-14. For details, call Melissa at (043)7567007.

Ateneo-La Salle clash tomorrow

ABOUT 400 golfers are set to tee off and help their alma mater's bid for the Classic Cup when the Ateneo-La Salle dual meet is held tomorrow at the sprawling Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club course in Gen. Trias, Cavite.

Three of the four championship courses of Eagle Ridge, the country's largest golf club, will be used to accommodate the large field seeing action in the 18-hole tournament presented by PLDT and Smart.

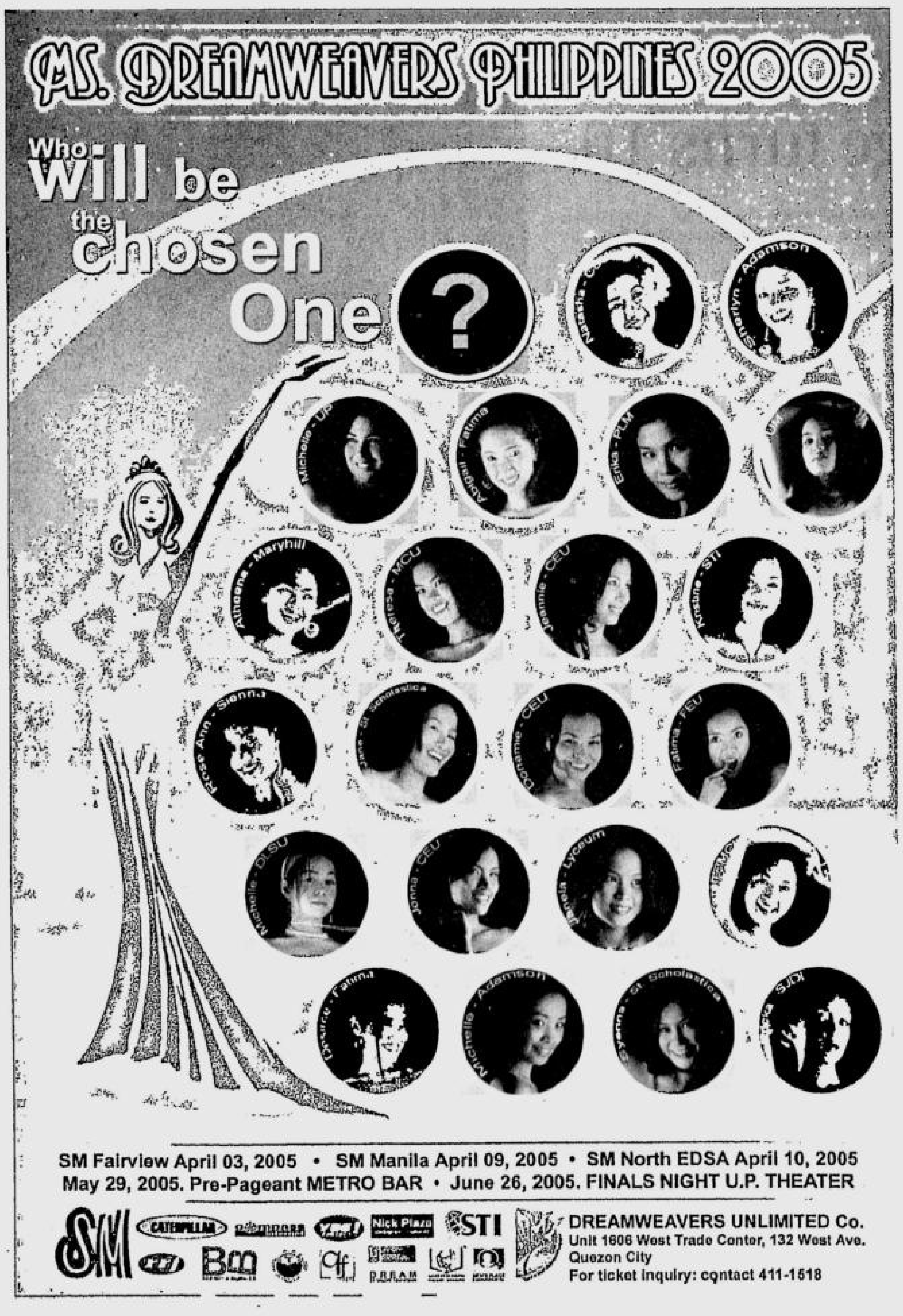
Players classified in the championship and Class A divisions will play at the Dye course, Class B and Class C play will be at the Faldo course and those in the Class D, ladies and the Open class (those without certified handicaps) will be at the Norman course.

The school posting the best combined total in the Challenge division gets to keep possession of the perpetual Classic Cup for one year. Spicing up the tourney is the Fellowship Division where one golfer from each opposing side forms a team.

The tourney's premier sponsors are the International Container Terminal Services, Inc. (ICTSI), OOCL (Philippines), Inc., Omega and Johnny Air Cargo, Cost U Less, Eagle Express, EPCIB, Institute Santre, Manila Bank, Salonpas, American Express, Transcom, Malate Construction & Dev't. Corp. (MCDC), Community Innovations, Inc., Universidad, Oakley, Advan Motors, Diamond Motors, Fil-Estate, ICSI, Microtel, PCSO, Stresscape, TMS Ship Agencies, Inc. and YKK Philippines are the special sponsors.

Tee-off starts at 7 a.m. Walk-ins will be accepted but those who have pre-registered will get priority on tee times.

Prizes topped by an Ernie Els limited edition watch from Omega, Nokia cellular phones and other merchandise will be raffled off.



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Valley holds Tuason Cup

ANOTHER major member-guest tournament is in the offing as the 6th Don Celso Tuason & Valley Founders Memorial Cup will be held on April 14-17 at the South and Executive courses of the Valley Golf and Country Club in Antipolo.

Around 720 members and guests of the club have signed up for the 36-hole tourney spread out in three days.

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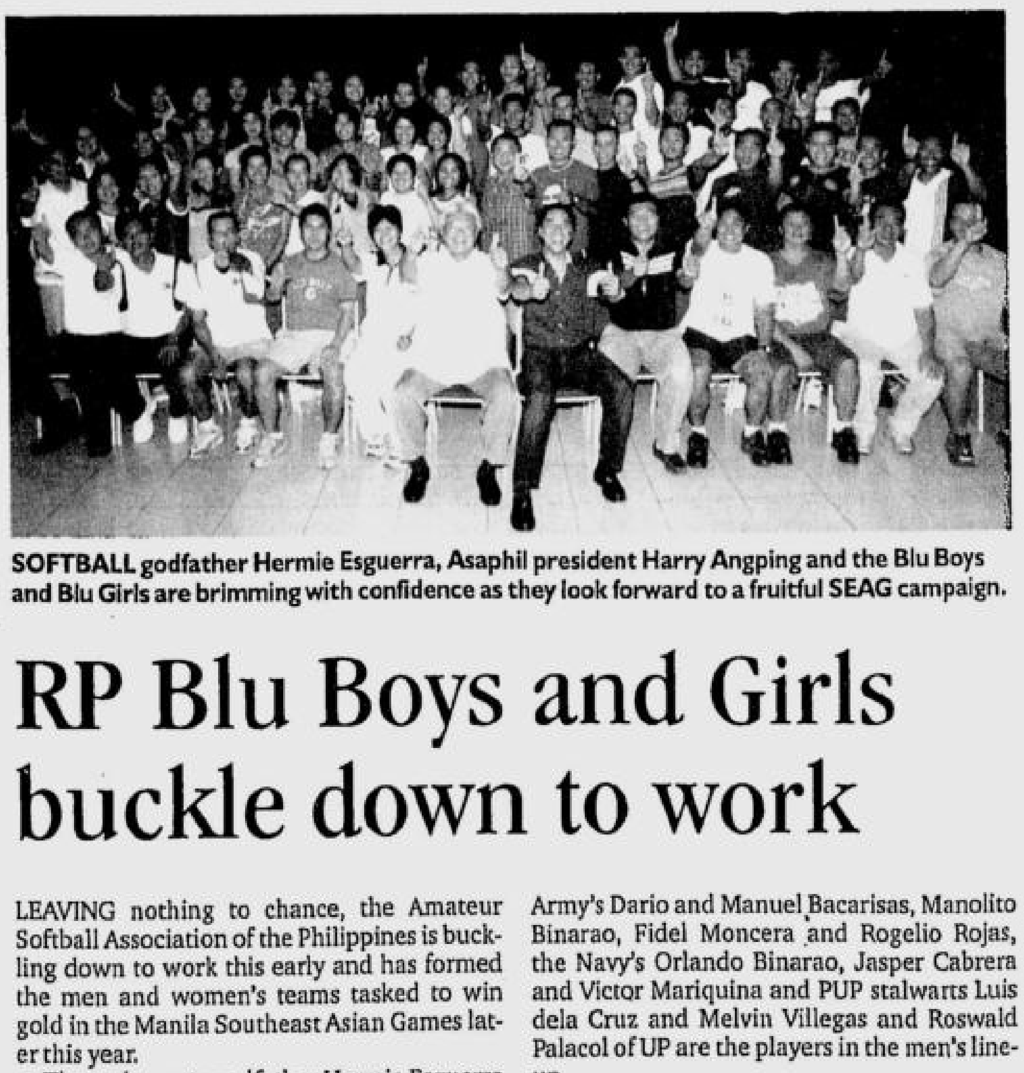

SOFTBALL godfather Hermie Esguerra, Asaphil president Harry Angping and the Blu Boys and Blu Girls are brimming with confidence as they look forward to a fruitful SEAG campaign.

RP Blu Boys and Girls buckle down to work

LEAVING nothing to chance, the Amateur Softball Association of the Philippines is buckling down to work this early and has formed the men and women's teams tasked to win gold in the Manila Southeast Asian Games later this year.

Through sports godfather Hermie Esguerra and Asaphil president Harry Angping, the Blu Boys and Girls have been named.

Eufracio dela Cruz will coach the Blu Boys with Nilo Barajan, Gregorio dela Cerna, Noel Bumagat and Joel Binarao as assistants. Ramon Oncinian is the men's team commissioner.

The Air Force's Isidro Abello, Florante Acuna, Romeo Bumagat, Mark Rae Ramirez, Apolonio Rosales and Anthony Santos, the Army's Dario and Manuel Bacarisas, Manolito Binarao, Fidel Moncera and Rogelio Rojas, the Navy's Orlando Binarao, Jasper Cabrera and Victor Mariquina and PUP stalwarts Luis dela Cruz and Melvin Villegas and Roswald Palacol of UP are the players in the men's lineup.

Nimpa Baral, Gina Salvador, Ma. Corazon Soberre and Nelia Lara of the Air Force and Navywoman Hayde Bongas, PUP's Kimster Liwas and Janet Vallite, La Salle's Reylam Ardio, Elaine Caladiao and Joy Lanting, UE's Syrel Ramos, Claire Laurilla and Lyn Bantiling, UP's Heidilyn Arca, Dione Macasu and Santo Tomas' Esmeralda Tayag and Joan Locsin form the Blu Girls, who will be coached by Rolly Malaguit.

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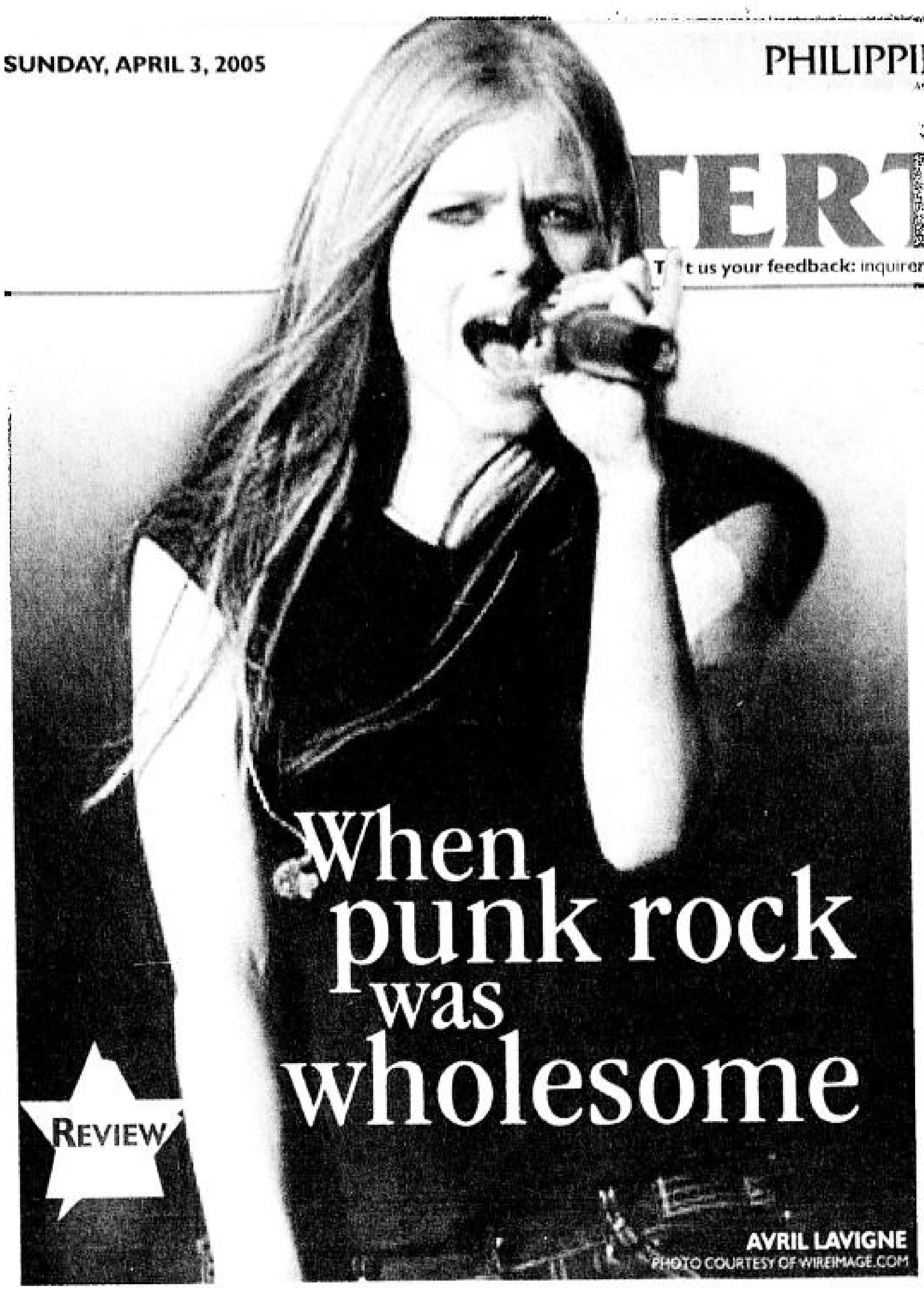

REVIEW

When punk rock was wholesome

AVRIL LAVIGNE
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By Pocholo Concepcion, *Contributor*

IN THE '70s, punk rock was about rage and rebellion, including a nihilistic lifestyle. It was anti-everything that smacked of order and decency. The band that came to personify punk in its heyday was called the Sex Pistols. Sid Vicious, notorious bass player of the Pistols, died of heroin overdose.

At present, the punk sound is still very much around, and there are bands like the Libertines whose members ended up in rehab due to heroin abuse. It's not surprising to find the most rabid punk fans in the same boat.

But Thursday night, punk rock became a wholesome family affair when kids as young as 12 came with high school siblings, friends and even parents to watch Avril Lavigne and Simple Plan in concert at the sprawling Fort Bonifacio Global City open field.

'Un-manufactured'

Lavigne is the 19-year-old Canadian sensation who shot to the top of the Billboard charts with a debut album ("Let Go") that instantly won her legions of mostly teenaged female fanatics. The normally hostile US rock critics gave her a second look, since Lavigne is said to stand out in the current sea of female teen vocalists as a "distinctly *un-manufactured* artist whose success can be directly linked to her musical talents."

At the concert, Lavigne came strutting like a merry punk prankster—opening her gig with an electric guitar slung on her shoulders and a devil's horn costume on her head. The costume was immediately discarded after the first number.

The music of Lavigne may be punk-like as heard in its driving rhythms and ringing guitars, but it's actually a poppy version and never—not even in its angry, despondent moments—about knocking down any form of establishment. In fact her biggest hit, "Complicated," is about the frustration of having a problematic relationship.

But the audience couldn't care less. With almost every song, they sang their hearts out, having memorized the lyrics word for word complete with emotional intonations. Whichever way we looked, there was always the sight of a female fan singing along with her friends, and then fishing out her cell phone to text another friend who was probably just on another side of the concert venue.

Hard to believe we were watching a rock concert.

And that was the nice thing about it. If in the distant past we had to find ways of yanking our nerves just to get into the proper concert mood, this time the music and the atmosphere were enough to get our ... uh, rocks off.

The guys of Simple Plan had a lot to do with setting things right. Like Lavigne, these guys are Canadian and they sure know how to fuel excitement. Rattling off fast-tempo numbers

WHEN/ A2-3

Shocking details revealed in Jane Fonda's tell-all bio

NEW YORK—Jane Fonda, who won an Oscar for her portrayal of a prostitute in the 1971 film "Klute," solicited call girls for three-way sex with her husband Roger Vadim, the actress revealed in a television interview.

Speaking about her upcoming autobiography "Jane Fonda: My Life So Far," Fonda also described her visit to a North Vietnamese anti-aircraft gun site during the Vietnam War as one of the biggest mistakes of her life.

In the interview to be broadcast tomorrow on the CBS network, the actress said she indulged Vadim's sexual proclivities, despite the personal pain it involved.

"One night Vadim brought another woman into my bed and I went along with it ... I'm competitive ... I was going to keep up with the Joneses," Fonda said.

"It was the '60s and whatever," she said, adding that she was largely motivated by the fear of losing her French director husband if she refused to go along with his three-in-a-bed romps.

SHOCKING/ A2-3

JANE Fonda AFP

Readers' reactions to controversial ad

By Marinel R. Cruz

FORMER Sen. Nikki Coseteng is now at the receiving end of a mix of boos and cheers after she branded as "offensive" a television commercial featuring actress Angel Locsin in a sexy tube top and mini-skirt.

Coseteng said she sent a letter to the commercial's producer, Unilever Philippines Inc., a week after she first saw Axe Deodorant's "Choose the Girl, Spend Her Money" promo ad.

The advertisement promises five men a chance to win half a million pesos worth of shopping money and a date with five sexy women, one of whom is Angel. One commercial features Angel apparently seducing a man by showing him her sexy outfit. The guy ignores Angel and grabs the money tucked in her jacket pockets instead.

Unilever said it was "slowly" pulling out the commercial after it received complaints from various women's groups, as well as from Coseteng.

"I joined a women's group in Davao City recently and discovered that at least four members felt insulted by the ad," Coseteng told INQUIRER Entertainment. "It was an individual experience. This means that the commercial affected them in one way or another."

The senator said she found that the commercial is "offensive to the sensibility and sensitivity of the people."

An INQUIRER reader disagreed. "When you create a commercial for a certain product, you must consider humor, creativity, sensitivity of the subject, and that special something that would attract the attention of the consumers," the reader, who chose to go by the name The 23rd Psalm, pointed out in an e-mail sent to INQUIRER Entertainment. "This were what Unilever [had in mind when it] did its latest ad."

The reader advised Coseteng to focus on more serious concerns involving women. "There are no jobs available for women here," the e-mail added. "Open your eyes; you will see it. And please don't ignore it."

Another reader, Gelay Sope, said she felt "uneasy" when she first saw the commercial. "I knew something was wrong, but I couldn't [put a finger on it]," Sope said also in an e-mail. "Analyzing the ad, I realized that it [implied] the money came from the girl."

Sope added: "Thanks to the people who reacted to this commercial, to those who didn't ignore the 'wrong' feeling."

Reader Kei Zenarosa had an interesting view. "There is absolutely nothing wrong with that commercial," she said. "Coseteng, and all those who find the Axe ad offensive, are just jealous of the models."

Coseteng should consider that the ad's target audience is the male populace, Zenarosa said. "There is nothing we can do if the former senator [feels that way] but Unilever shouldn't be [cowed] by her. People should understand that sex sells and it's just the way male species is created."

Fine with MTRCB

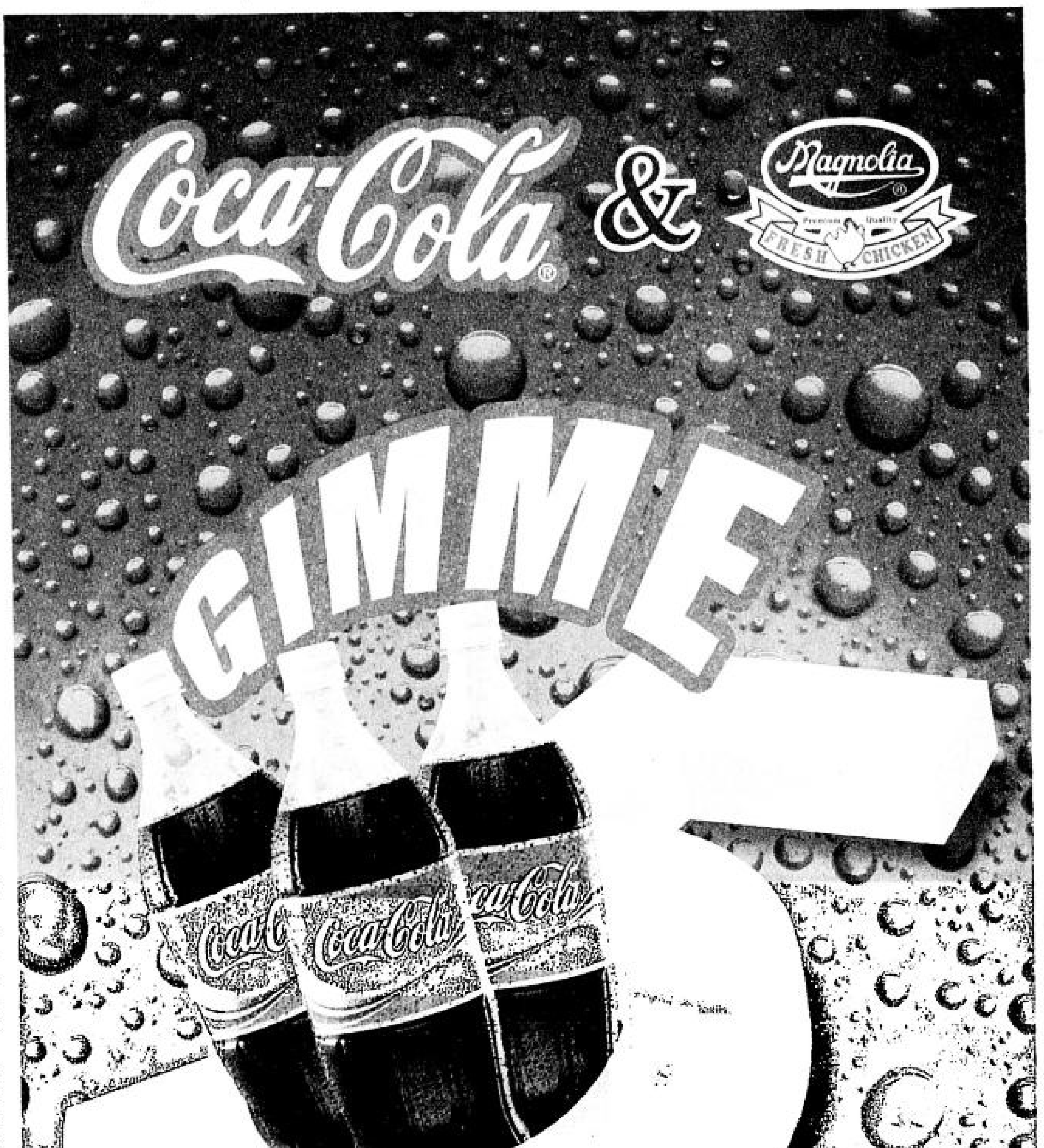
Movie and Television Review and Classification Board Chair Marissa Laguardia earlier said she did not find anything objectionable about Angel's outfit. "There is also nothing morally wrong about a man spending his prize money with his dream date. The money did not come from Angel, anyway," Laguardia said.

Reader Allan Francis Cariño protested. In his own e-mail, Cariño said he "totally" agreed with and approved of the former senator's viewpoint. "She's on the right track," Cariño wrote. "Kudos to you Senator Coseteng!"

Another reader, who signed only the initials "BL," found the ad "tame."

"What women's groups should protest about is the 'Galawgaw' ad of Block and White that shows a woman strip teasing," BL pointed out. "They show this ad even in the morning! Disgusting!"

(e-mail the author at mcruz@inquirer.com.ph)



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When punk rock was wholesome

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in succession, Simple Plan seemed to be the real punk band—singing songs with lines like "stop telling me to grow up" and "me against the world."

In hindsight, however, these are quite normal sentiments shared by every other teenager who would like mom and dad to be more tolerant and less adversarial.

This was a concert that brought entire families together for about three hours of good, clean fun. It is probably safe to surmise there was hardly any stoned freak around, even as we spotted 20-ish guy in front of us sporting a T-shirt emblazoned with such a vintage hippie battle cry as "sex, drugs and rock 'n roll."

Lavigne herself is credited with having conquered the pop charts by refusing to get dirty: no skimpy clothes, no suggestive dancing, no tabloid adventures, no hip-hop collaborations and no provocative lyrics. Improbable as it seems in a rock community that used to disdain "straights," her "just-say-no" message has no less intrigued millions of kids while putting a smile on their folks' faces.

We don't know what the future holds for the likes of Avirl Lavigne and Simple Plan. But for now there are lots of Pinoy kids who look up to them as role models who know how to rock without rolling over into trouble.

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Shocking details revealed in Jane Fonda's tell-all bio

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"I know one thing: It really hurt me ... and it reinforced my feeling I wasn't good enough," she said. "I felt that if I said no, he would leave me and I couldn't imagine myself without him." One of Hollywood's hottest couples at the time, Fonda and Vadim divorced in 1973 after six years of marriage.

Fonda said the women who made up their 'menage a trois' were generally call girls that she herself would procure.

"Hey, if that's what he wanted, I'd give it to him in spades," she said, adding that she used what she learned from the women for her Oscar-winning turn in "Klute." The actress said the need for honesty and integrity had spurred her into writing about such private matters in her autobiography, which will be published in the United States next month.

"I knew that if I didn't really fess up about how far I went in the betrayal of my heart, it would not make the journey that I've been on ... as important and as poignant," she said.

Addressing her notorious visit to North Vietnam in 1972—which earned her the epithet "Hanoi Jane"—Fonda insisted she had no regrets, apart from one moment when she posed with an anti-aircraft battery used to shoot down US pilots.

"The image of Jane Fonda, Barbarella, Henry Fonda's daughter ... sitting on an enemy aircraft gun was a betrayal ... the largest lapse of judgment that I can even imagine," Fonda said.

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4 ALONE IN THE DARK
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5 PACIFIER
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7 HOSTAGE
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JUICE

Jo-Ann Q. Maglipon

KEEMPEE de Leon says in the latest FHM magazine: "In all the years I've been in show-biz, I'm used to the fact that some writers add on to the statements I make."

The young comedian—currently the hot thing on TV with his gay character that, in his words, is *"pa-girl"* but "doesn't wear make-up and doesn't cross dress"—mentions this bit of fact rather casually, like someone would who's accepted the condition as normal.

Well, I am discovering that in fact it is the norm.

Only last December while picking winners for her Christmas raffle, **Kris Aquino** picked out the name of a 30-something reporter. She remembered that this was the reporter who quoted her all over a column: *"Ikaw, kinote*-quote *mo ako, di mo naman ako ininterbyu*. I don't even have your number."

Everyone around ended up laughing—even Kris. See, in show biz, where everyone knows everyone, relations are generally genial, especially around Christmastime. Still, everyone knew Kris was right; the quotes were inventions.

I heard the very same thing from **Christopher de Leon** a good 26 years ago. I was interviewing him for Celebrity, and was pitching questions to him on his set, in his van, over the phone, and finally at the home he once shared with **Nora Aunor**, but none of it was fruitful. He just kept handing me bits and pieces. Then one day in his home, he finally loosened up and transformed into such a storyteller, I liked him for life!

But I couldn't understand why he had to be so guarded for days. Until he said, *"Alam mo, ang dalas nga di ako nai-interbyu pero ang daming* quotes *na galing sa akin! Sinabi ko ito? Hah? Kelan?"*

And he assured me it happened to everyone he knew—probably most especially to his ex-wife Nora, who unarguably holds the record for the most fiction ever written about a living star.

On any given day, Christopher and friends came to expect to come across a quote they never said about each other, and that they stayed friends must've meant they made a pact with each other not to believe a thing until the other actually said it to one's face.

Like Kris, Boyet wasn't happy with the set up. And like Kempee, he'd come to think of it as normal.

Reporter's logic

From nosing around, I finally got the logic of it from the reporter's end.

Proudly, a veteran show-biz editor told me he invents quotes. And not just simple quotes, but entire dialogues. Moreover, from nothing, he can start an issue going that'll grow bigger and bigger because, naturally, the affected parties will react. Which will then compel him to invent more new quotes to parry the reactions. And will then make the star thank him for coming to her defense.

They are now truly *magkakampi*.

Meantime, he ends up seeing his byline go up every day. And with his pay at the tabloid an ungodly P150 per piece, he now considers it a matter of survival—his own, of course—to keep the issues coming.

The veteran, an amiable man who invokes prayer with the same ease as he buries reportage, spoke before UST journalism students not long ago.

He explained how he wrote. *"Tumitingala lang akong ganyan sa kisame, isip-isip, tapos, ayun, meron na akong kolum. Pati* quotes *kumpleto."*

He added, *"O, di ba, ang galing ko? Di na kailangang makausap pa ang artista.* Instant, *merong istorya. Kaya niyo 'yon?"*

He was funny when he said it, but being in the same room, I didn't know whether to laugh or die.

And how did he expect the stars to react to his inventions?

"Aba, magpasalamat sila, naisusulat sila," came the reply. *"Sabi ko nga kina* Nora at Vilma, di nila ako pwedeng i-deny. Kasi ginawan ko sila ng magandang istorya. Magkakampi kami."

Furthermore, he concluded that he was not alone in the practice. He is the norm.

Not isolated

The logic seems to be: Reporters believe they do entertainers a favor by inventing quotes for them. If they're starlets, they're supposed to need that light beaming on them all the way; once they're big stars, they're not supposed to want that light straying away too far, too soon.

Unfortunately, the assumptions are just as clear: Reporters think the power over reputations is theirs to wield as they see fit. And they feel no guilt because they're writing something "positive" about the star—and as bonus, publishing something "negative" about the star's rival. If that isn't servicing a career, what is?

No one seems to remember that, in the end, this is all about duping the reader.

What's more, the dirt goes beyond tabloid writing. In the hierarchy of reporting, writers from newspapers will seem to have the upper hand. One, they're paid more than P150; two, the stars pay them more attention.

But these writers are also the object of much bashing by their fellows. Tabloid reporters—who do know their show-biz history and current events, being practically players themselves—enjoy downsizing their counterparts in the broadsheets.

Such as when the latter get their facts wrong (not annulled, separated); their info misaligned (the blocktimer paid the network *not* because he owed money—as in arrears or loans or debts—but because it was simply time for regular remittal); or their quotes denied ("I never said that").

No one seems to remember that it doesn't help the profession to think in false hierarchies. And that no one becomes a good reporter by lying in wait for the other reporter to make mistakes.

Unfortunately, too, it is no consolation for the entertainment press to know that the practice of inventing quotes is also quite the norm—for sports, lifestyle, business, and politics—where some enterprising staffer will do some big shot a good turn by conjuring a quote.

We all still lose in the end.

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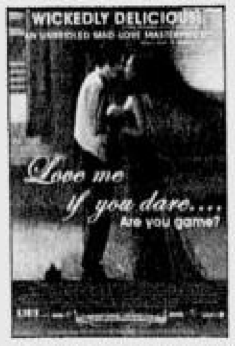

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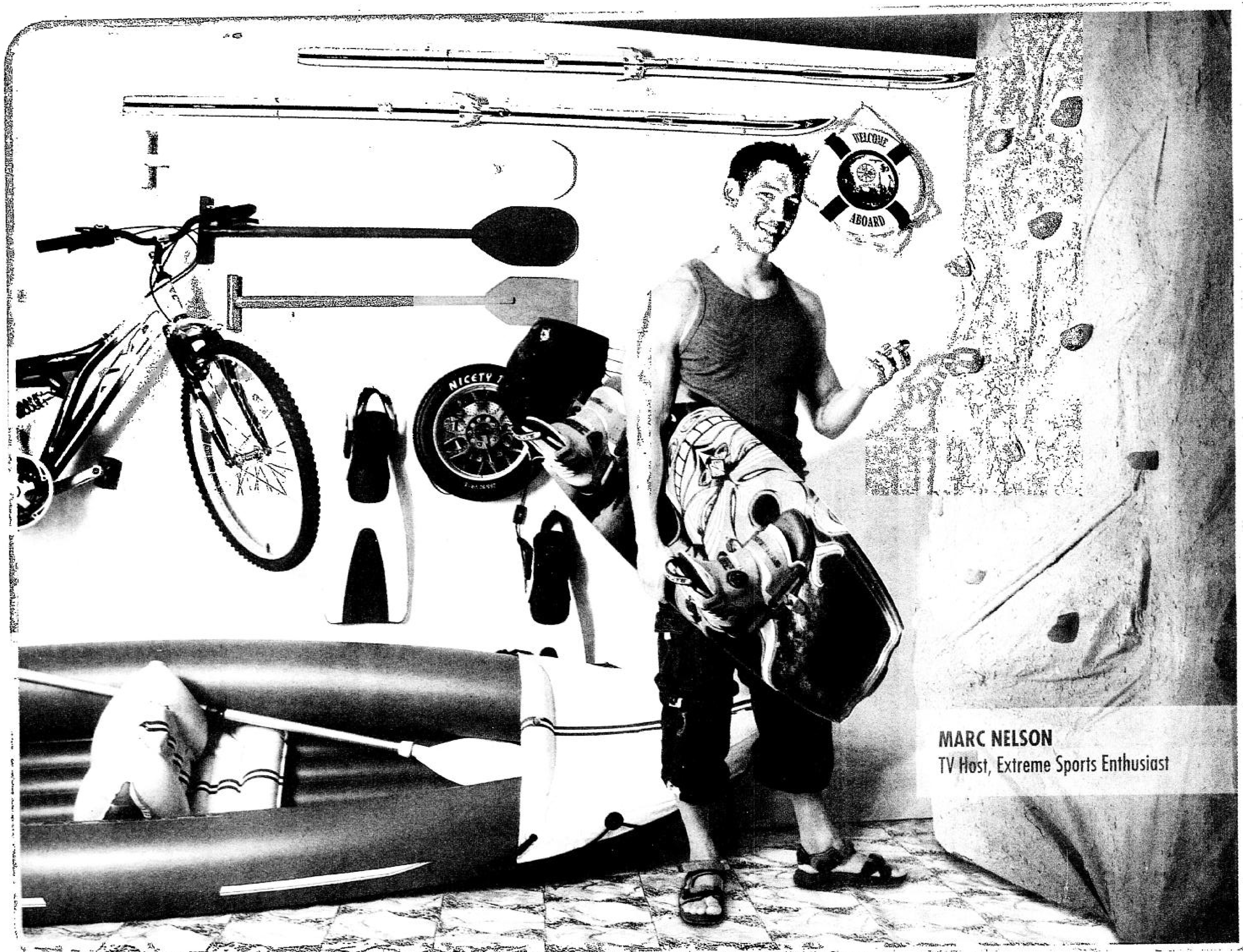

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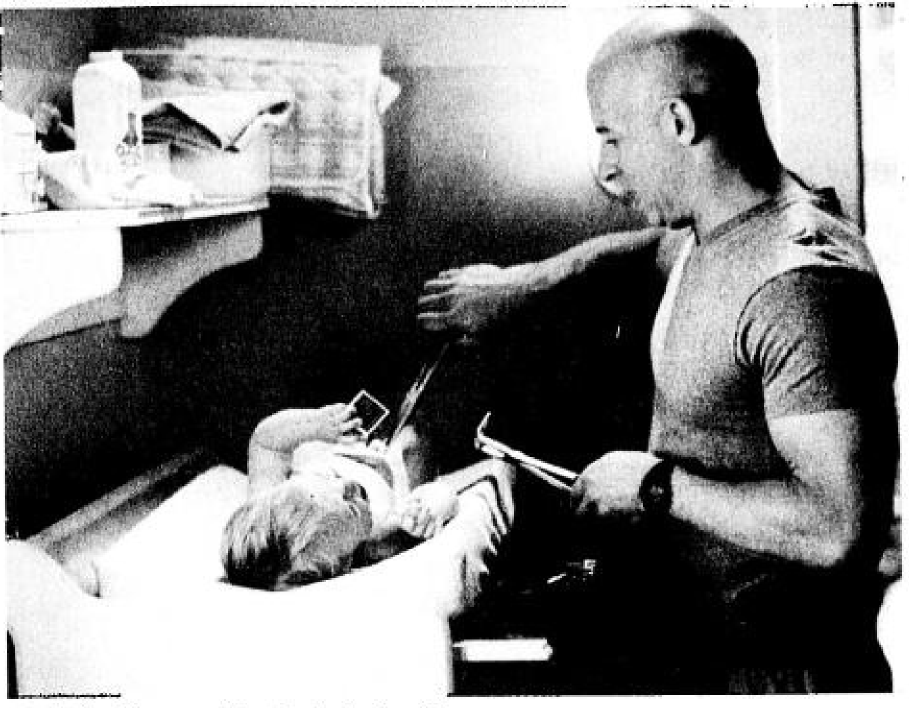
VIN Diesel in one of the dooky-in-the-diaper scenes

REVIEW

By Nice Rodriguez and Elvira Mata

'The Pacifier'
Directed by Adam Shankman

THIS IS a Disney movie—and what's wrong with that?

NICE: Navy SEAL Shane Wolfe (Vin Diesel) is assigned to protect the Plummer children after their scientist dad is assassinated, and he becomes their unwilling nanny. This is the result of a situation that is at best contrived—the kids' creepy and insensitive Romanian nanny (Carol Kane) has resigned. Although it is hardly plausible that no replacement or reenforcement is sought, we ride along. After all, this is what we expect a Disney movie to be, formulaic and time-tested.

ELVIRA: Last week, I saved you P80 and the torment of watching "Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous." Now, *that* was based on a formula for catastrophe. Wonder why America's sweetheart Sandra Bullock agreed to make the sequel? I know "Miss Congeniality" was a mega hit like "Speed" where she co-starred with Keanu Reeves. Reeves turned down "Speed 2," Bullock agreed to do it—it was a disaster, no pun intended. Now, note that bald muscle man Vin Diesel, who starred in the hit movie "The Fast and the Furious" (and who I expected to follow in Arnold's footsteps) declined to do the sequel "2 Fast and 2 Furious." Of course, I did not see either one.

NICE: Reared by a military father himself, Shane's domestic management style is pugnacious. He orders his wards around in military jargon and runs the household like a boot camp. Dig his motto: "It's my way or the highway." There are no special effects. The family pet duck is real, not computer-generated. No sophisticated gadgetry either, just a backpack baby carrier with an ammunition belt bearing nursing bottles. There is no bloodshed or violence—except for that one scene where a woman's eyebrows are scorched. Even the *arnis* style combat is executed with a broom and mop.

ELVIRA: Again, what did you expect? Disney! I grew up on "Mary Poppins" and "The Love Bug," which explains why I have such a positive outlook in life.

NICE: The deceased father is described as physically distant, sometimes away on assignment for as long as six months. The kids hardly miss him. Even the widowed mother (Faith Ford) doesn't look bereft. There are no emotional entanglements here except in the end, when Van Diesel is practically forced to get romantic with the school principal (Lauren Graham), a former military person who specializes in hand-to-hand combat. Magic in contrasts. Macho guy goes maternal. Also, Van Diesel charms.

ELVIRA: VIN Diesel. You're mixing up your muscle men. It's VAN Damme, who is no way related to the VON Trapp family, as in "Sound of Music," the musical that Seth (Max Theriot) would rather be in than practice for the wrestling team. Now that's an interesting parallel. Didn't Maria, nun-turned-governess played by Julie Andrews come to the rescue of a widower captain and his kids?

NICE: While Hulk Hogan in "Mr. Nanny" looks like a groovy grandpa and Arnold Schwarzenegger in "Kindergarten Cop" appears clumsy, massive and . . . well, foreign, Van Diesel is familiar and clean-shaven. He is as lovable and sensitive as Max Fleischer's Popeye—bald with bulky biceps. In fact, Van Diesel is the human counterpart of Popeye, who's also in the navy and a guardian to five li'l Swee'peas. He is dependable. You believe him when he says, "Your kids will be safe with me."

ELVIRA: It's VIN Diesel!

NICE: Shane also oozes with warmth as he fabricates a bedtime military tale involving a rescue operation for sleepy Lulu (Morgan York). He is heavy but cute as he moves, if awkwardly, to the Peter Panda dance.

ELVIRA: The movie is funny. But not once did I find myself laughing out loud. Oh, except for the part when 10-year-old Lulu asks Shane why he has boobs.

NICE: Having done my share of babysitting, I know that kids do get baffled with nipples on the wrong bodies. In this case, Shane's well-developed pectorals muscle is suspect. "They're not boobs," he tells Lulu.

ELVIRA: There's a lot of dooky-in-the-diaper scenes. I counted at least five. I'm sure kids under 10 and immature men (some of whom I've had the misfortune of dating) would find this hilarious.

NICE: The action starts as soon as the titles roll, though, and that's good. I enjoyed the water chase and the unexpected ninja fight scenes. As I said, the love story is forced, but a Disney movie has got to have one. As in many formulaic movies, there are moments when it is slow and familiar. You're right, the movie interweaves with "The Sound of Music" in parts. I must admit, it gets interesting after that point. Theriot shines as an adolescent walking around under a dark cloud, and who loves the theater. Brad Garrett as Murney, the vice principal and wrestling instructor, is annoying but entertaining—a perfect foil to Diesel's gentle and scrubbed look. Hairy, tactless and abrasive, Garrett is an asset here.

ELVIRA: There are so many familiar faces in this movie. Garrett is Raymond's brother, Robert, in the sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond." Ford was Corky, the beauty queen turned fluff reporter in "Murphy Brown." Chris Potter, Shane's CO Capt. Bill Fawcett, appeared in "Kung Fu: The Legend Continues." He was also a detective in "Silk Stalkings" and currently, in "Wild Card: Zoe Buziek." Yes, my name is Elvira and I am a TV addict.

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Face-off in Manila, April 23: Ja Rule vs Boyz II Men

JA RULE, rapper and actor ("The Fast & The Furious," "Half Past Dead," "Assault on Precinct 13"), is due in Manila for a concert at the Araneta Coliseum on April 23, 9 p.m. The rare one-night engagement features the band 7 Shots of Wisdom as special guest.

On the very same night, Boyz II Men performs at the PhilSports Arena (Ultra), with Kyla as guest.

Ja Rule has elevated rap music to new heights. In his own words: "I stepped into my own lane, and I'm setting standards in how things are done. I think other artists are going to have to fall into it and that's just the way it goes."

For tickets to his concert, call SM Ticketnet, 9115555 or log on to www.ticketnet.com.ph.

And for "Boyz II Men: Live in Manila," call Ticketworld, 891-9999. Limited VIP tickets entitle patrons to a free copy of a Boyz II Men CD, which they can have autographed in a meet-and-greet session at the Makati Shangri-La Hotel right after the concert.

SHOW TIME

Tomorrow

Route 70 performs at Fiesta San Miguel Dusit Hotel Nikko every Monday.

Freestyle at Tavern on the Square Greenbelt 3.

"Tosca Puno . . . It's Time" 9 p.m. at Merk's. Special guests are Tosca's father, Rico J. Puno, Richard Merk and Rox Puno. Albert de Pano performs before the show.

Club Mwah! presents "Follies de Mwah 2" Mondays through Fridays at 10 p.m. Call 535-7943.

April 5

The Ang4gettables at Tavern on the Square.

Route 70 starts Tuesday gig series at Merk's.

April 6

Side A at Tavern on the Square every Wednesday.

Wednesday jazz festival starts at Merk's with Richard Merk, Eddie Katindig, Mon David and Sandra Lim.

April 7

Robert Seña and Isay Alvarez kick off Thursday gigs at Merk's this month. The CompanY's Rueben Laurente sings before the show. For inquiries, call 7574750.

Dance diva Sybil performs at the Glorietta Activity Center, 7 p.m.

April 8

Sybil at Alabang Town Center. 6 p.m.

Streetscape at Shangri-La Plaza Complex presents Sound Syndicate on April 8 at 9:30 p.m.

Ramon Acoymo, Dean of the UP College of Music, will be the featured tenor soloist for the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra's season finale at the Cultural Center of the Philippines Main Theater, 8 p.m.

"Bedazzled," an hour-long Broadway cum Las Vegas show at Club Mwah! (Fridays and Saturdays), 10:30 p.m. Call 5357943.

Acoustic Jive at Merk's.

Fat Session at Tavern on the Square.

Tim Tayag, Al Manalo and Mike Unson in "April Fools—Stand-up Comedians On The Loose!" 7 p.m. at San Mig El Pueblo, Ortigas. Call 6375499.

BOYZ II Men

April 9

Time And A Half at Shangri-La Plaza Streetscape.

Sybil at Ayala Center Cebu.

Forte band at Merk's (Saturdays).

Wiseguys at Tavern on the Square (Saturdays).

April 10

Judy Ann Santos visits Metropolis Starmall at 4 p.m.

Anne Curtis and Geoff Eigenmann at The Pizza Company in Market! Market!, Taguig.

Rachelle Anne Go at Robinson's Dasmariñas.

April 11

Bernie Uy at Merk's.

JA RULE

April 13 and 14

King holds his first major solo concert, "King on Top of the World," at the Music Museum, 9 p.m. Call 7216726.

April 14

Track at Tavern on the Square.

April 15

Acoustic Jive at Merk's.

ROUTE 70

April 16

Aretha and the Souled Out Band at Merk's.

April 29

Lito Camo, songwriter of such phenomenal novelty hits as "Spageti Song," "Bulaklak," "Pito-Pito" and "Otso-Otso," takes center stage in his first major concert, "*Lagi na Lang Kayo . . . Ako Naman!*" at the Music Museum on April 29, 8:30 p.m. For ticket inquiries, call 891-9999.

Acoustic Jive at Merk's.

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May 6 to 29

ANNE Curtis

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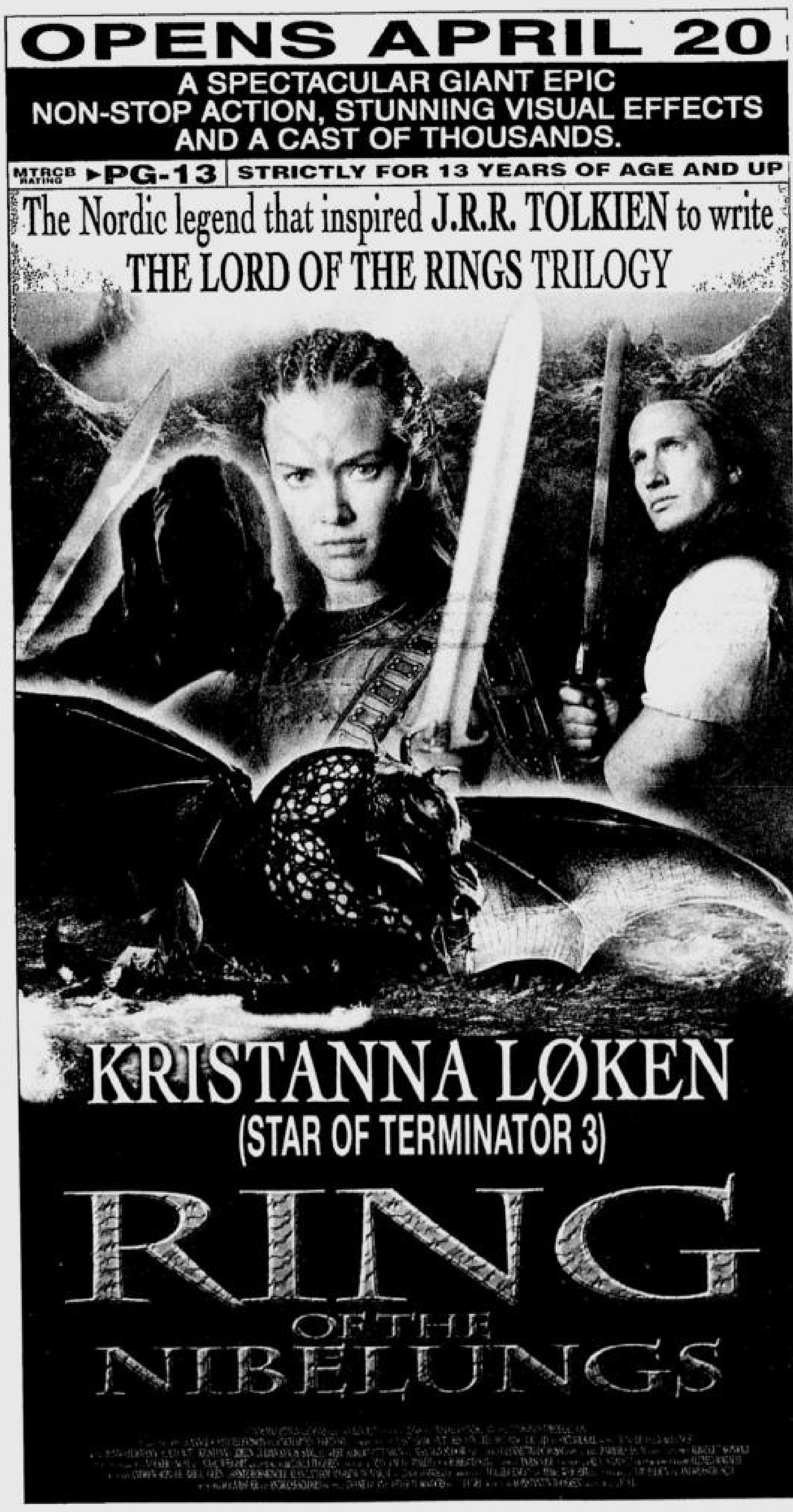
May 13 and 14

Ella May Saison is back with a concert series called "Soulful, the Concert" at the Music Museum on May 13 and 14. Nina, Akafellas and Jimmy Bondoc will be her guests. For details, call TicketWorld at 891-9999.

May 13 and 15

Alvin Barcelona, a Catholic lay preacher and singer-songwriter, in his first major concert, "Believe," at the Party Central, Mother Ignacia Avenue. For inquiries, reservations and sponsorships, call Beaconlight, 722-9562, or e-mail beacon@philonline.com.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'SAHARA' is the first of this summer's mega budgeted popcorn flicks

MATTHEW McCONAUGHEY(DIRK PITT) AND PENELOPE CRUZ IN "SAHARA"

It is exceptionally difficult to transform a literary icon into a screen icon. When **Ian Fleming's'** *James Bond* burst upon the silver screen, lovers of the novels were chagrined. The hard-core assassin was turned into a cool collective spy and later into a gadget-wielding playboy. The Bond of literature is certainly not the Bond of celluloid; and so, I suppose, should it be with *Dirk Pitt*. Pitt is the creation of bestselling author **Clive Cussler**.

Pitt is a staple for summer reading. Cussler's tales rival Ian Felming for action and adventure. Dirt Pitt is, in some aspects, far cooler than James Bond. He believes in traditional roles for men and women, firmly believes in the superiority of the American way of life and is always the gentlemen.

Cussler guards his characters well. It took a good number of years and negotiations to bring *Dirt Pitt* to the screen. **SAHARA** is the first of a planned trilogy and possibly a continuing series.

Still, Cussler had to resort to suing *Paramount*, because the writers changed key aspects of his characters, like allowing the girl to save the day, which he strictly forbade. Nothing can, nor should, take away from Pitt.

Filmed at a cost of over **$125M**, SAHARA is the first of the summer's mega budgeted popcorn flicks from Hollywood.

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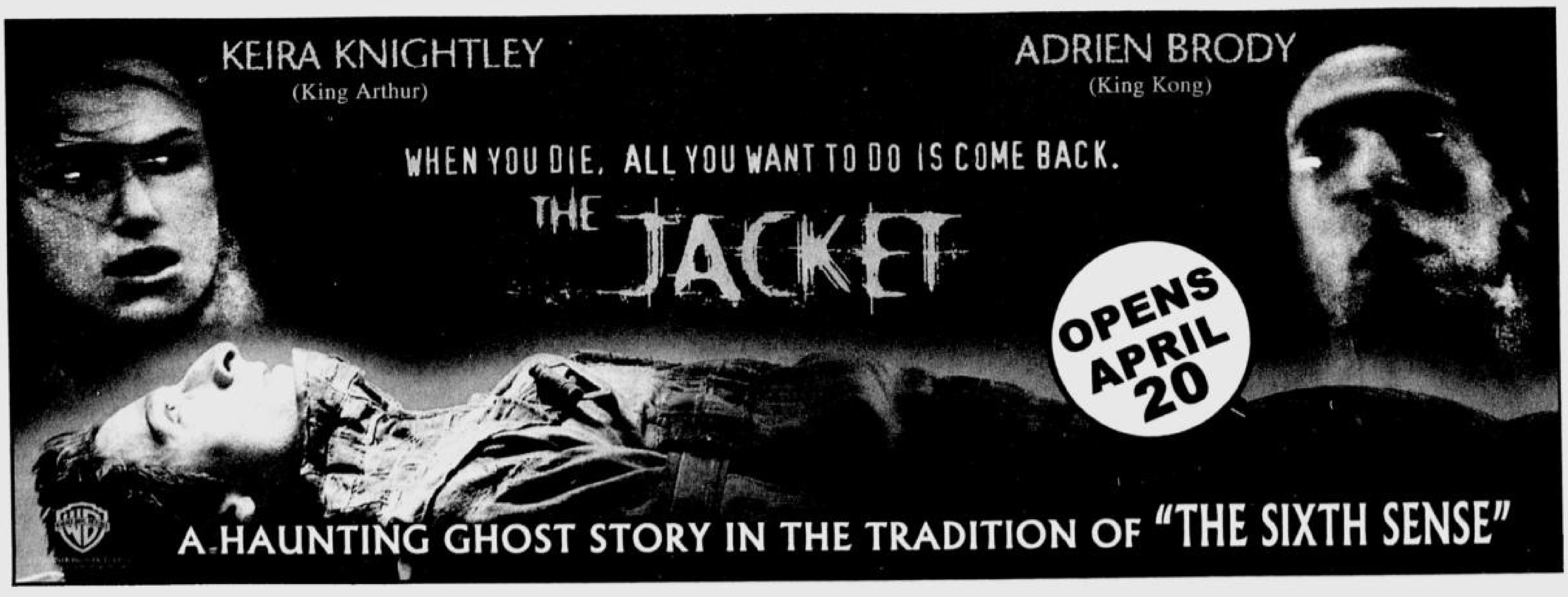
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VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

IN "Be Cool," the current sequel to the '90s comedy "Get Shorty," **John Travolta**'s producer character, **Chili Palmer**, shifts his base of operations from the movies to the music business. It turns out that the stakes are just as high, the action is even more violent, and the character Chili bumps heads with are more ornery than his foes in Hollywood.

Chili gets on the wrong side of the bad guys when he tries to help a gifted young singer, Linda Moon (**Christian Milian**) get her break in the biz.

She's under contract with a spaced-out **Vince Vaughn**, so mayhem ensues before Chili can have his way, and get Linda off to a roaring start by getting her a prized guest slot in a big Aerosmith concert.

Sadly, there's little else in terms of plot going on, but the movie manages to occasionally gain viewer's attention with its rogue's gallery of colorful, ornery characters, including The Rock as Elliot, a beefy gay bodyguard with a fondness for cowboy songs.

On the distaff side, **Uma Thurman** plays Edie, widow of Chili's friend and an indie record producer in her own right, with her signature combination of beauty, class and eagerness to take thespic risks.

Also a scene-stealer is the black record producer who's as mean as mean can get—and yet does full justice to a long monologue about blacks' valuable contribution to global culture.

In fact, the movie's supporting cast is so colorful that Travolta comes off as an also-ran, instead of the lead player he's supposed to be. Next time around, he'd better insist on colorful characterization for himself, or else the heat will be gone from this Chili!

'Inside the Middle East'

AT 11:30 p.m. tonight, CNN telecasts "Inside the Middle East," hosted by **Hala Gorani** from Amman, Jordan.

Highlights: Gorani visits Jordan's King Hussein Cancer Center, which has opened its doors to cancer patients from Iraq, offering the specialized care that their homeland can't provide them.

Many people in the Middle East and beyond are turning to Islamic banks for financing. Islamic banks are sharia-compliant, and therefore do not charge interest or invest in arms or alcohol sales.

For the advanced surfer, Morocco is now part of an international competition circuit. For the novice, there are surf camps and world-class waves.

'Design 360'

EARLIER today at 2:30 p.m., the viewing treat on CNN is "Design 360." This week, the show focuses on Italian design.

Architect **Cino Zucchi** shows us his Milan: the Duomo, the gold Madonna statue which guards the city, the 15th-century Palazzo Marino, etc. **Domenico Dolce** and **Stefano Gabbana** reveal how they've stayed independent in an industry dominated by large fashion houses.

The Ferragamo family allows the show into their fashion empire, which includes boutique hotels and the luxury goods house established by **Salvatore Ferragamo**.

At Casa San Miguel

THE CENTER for the Arts in San Antonio, Zambales opens its summer concert series tonight with a performance by the Metro Manila Community Orchestra, under Prof. **Chino Toledo**. The MMCO performs **Beethoven**'s Consecration of the House, **Gershwin**'s Promenade, **Bernstein**'s Candide overture etc. Call 9038657.

'Spark'

KRISTIE Lu Stout's CNN show, "Spark," focuses on South Korea at 9:30 a.m. tonight. Its features are on mobile banking and the prospect of a cashless society; the Samsung experience; news on broadband; "podcasting," and new cybergames.

'Hits from Broadway and Hollywood'

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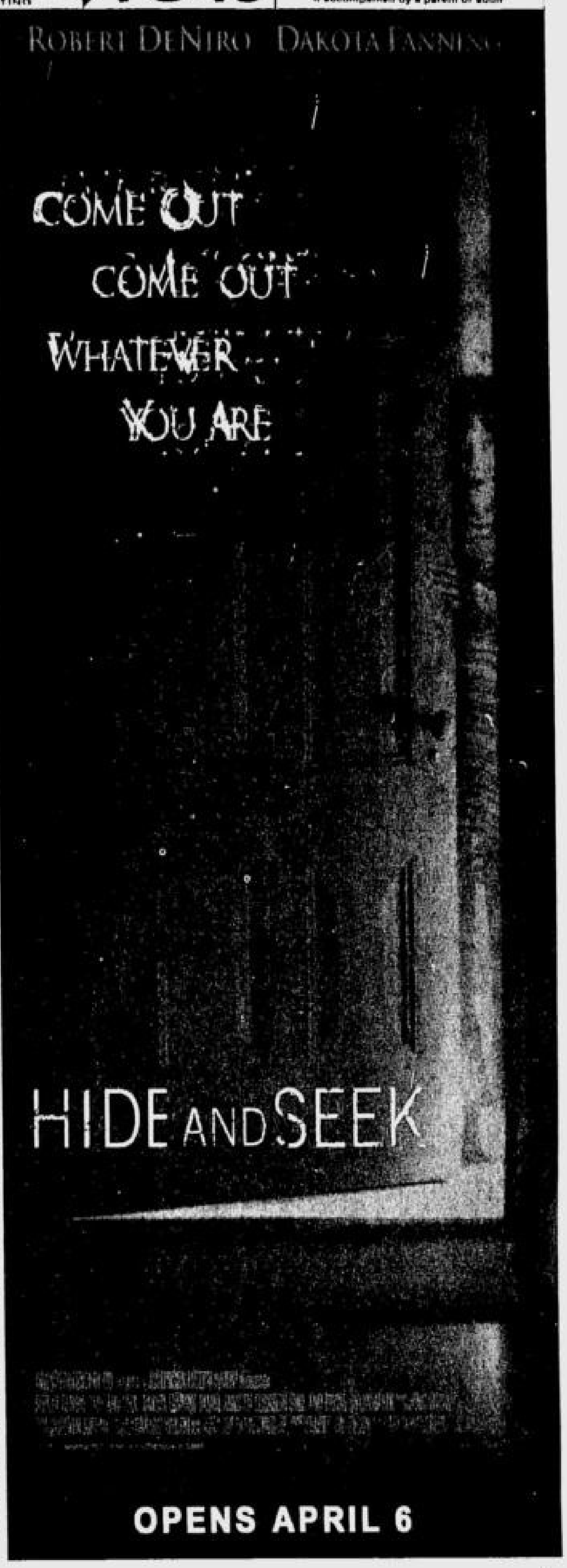

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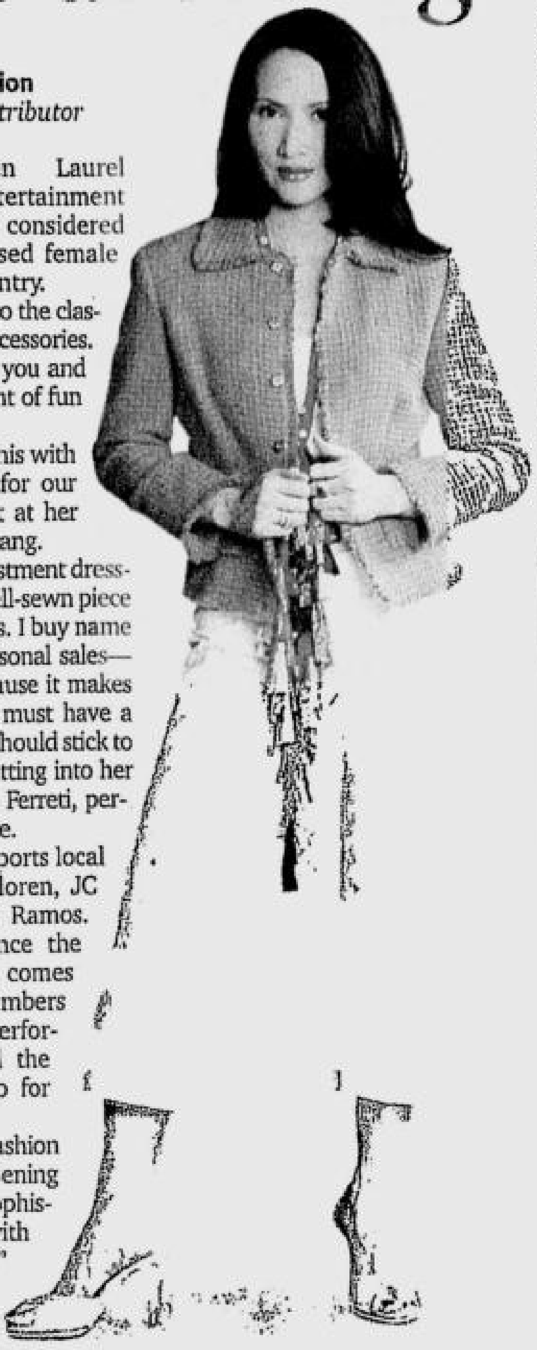
Ayen Laurel advocates investment dressing

Text, style and direction by Larry Leviste, *Contributor*



SONGSTRESS Ayen Laurel shows INQUIRER Entertainment what it takes to be considered among the best dressed female performers in the country.

Her counsel: "Stick to the classics and use trendy accessories. Pick colors that flatter you and don't forget the element of fun when dressing up."

She demonstrated this with her choice of outfits for our pictorial during a visit at her beautiful home in Alabang.

"Nothing beats investment dressing. You can wear a well-sewn piece in good fabric for years. I buy name brands during the seasonal sales—which is exciting, because it makes you really focus. You must have a shopping list and you should stick to it," Ayen said while getting into her first outfit, an Alberta Ferreti, perfect for her petite frame.

Actually, Ayen supports local designers like Joji Lloren, JC Buendia and Patrice Ramos. "I've known Joji since the '90s," she said. "He comes up with stand-out numbers for my stage performances." Lloren did the stunning black terno for this pictorial.

Ayen loves the fashion sense of Annette Bening and Julia Roberts. "Sophisticated yet sporty, with an air of happiness," she said. "This explains my dressing style offstage."

Next she wears a printed top by Donatella Versace with Juicy Couture denim jeans.

In her early years as an art student at the University of the Philippines, Ayen said, she read Vogue magazine between classes and theater workshops. Then, living in Manhattan after college, she was drawn to one particular designer who made clothes for working women who wanted to look glamorous. The name of the designer was Donna Karan.

While married to Prince Jeffrey Bolkiah of Brunei, Ayen was introduced to pricey international designers like Christian Lacroix, Giorgio Armani and Chanel. She has learned to mix and match these designer brands with her current pieces." Mixing an expensive jacket with faded blue jeans is good balancing, reflective of this century of anything-goes dressing," Ayen said with a wink and a smile.

She concludes: "And don't forget that you have to have attitude. It starts within. Confidence could be this year's boldest accessory."

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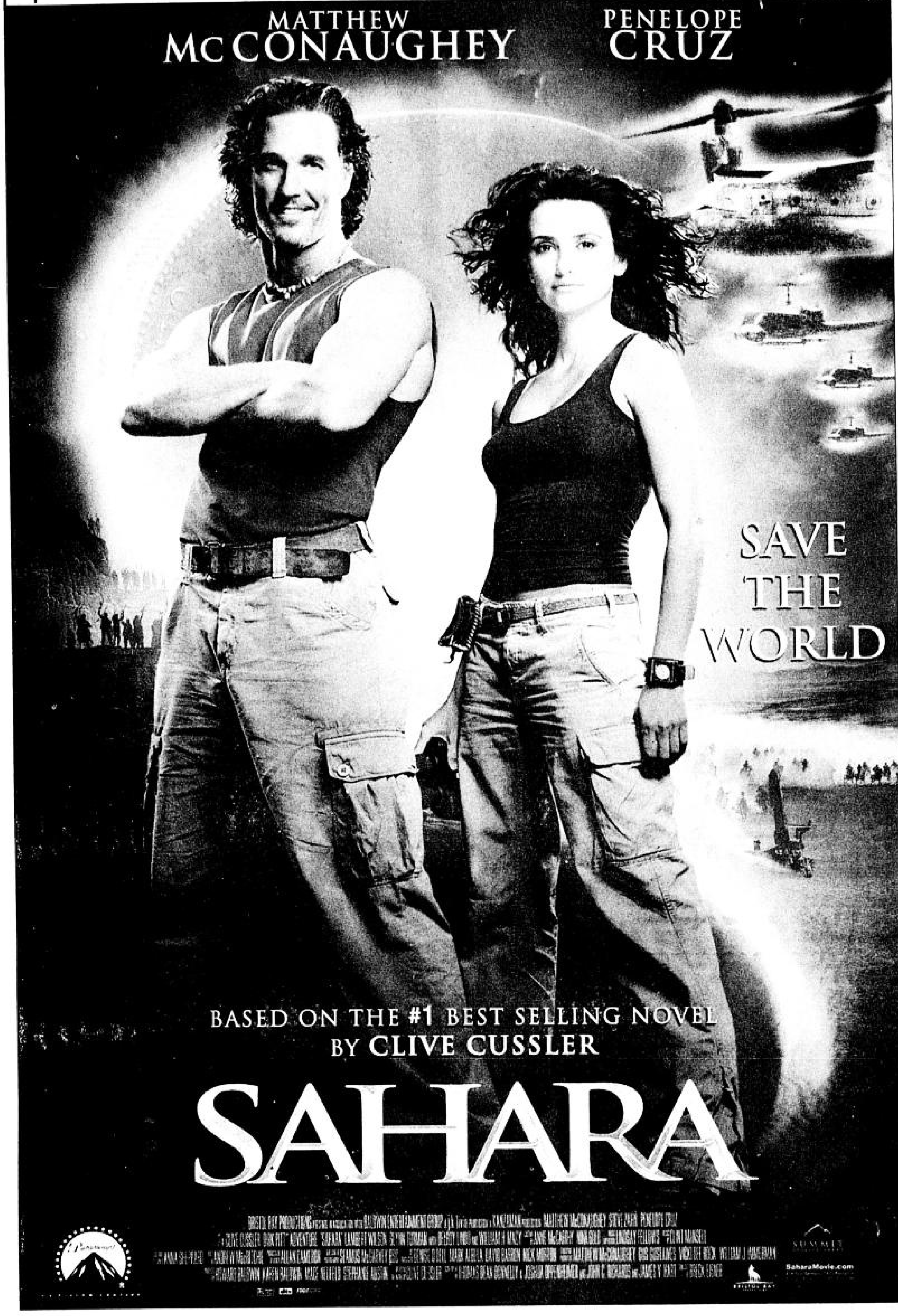
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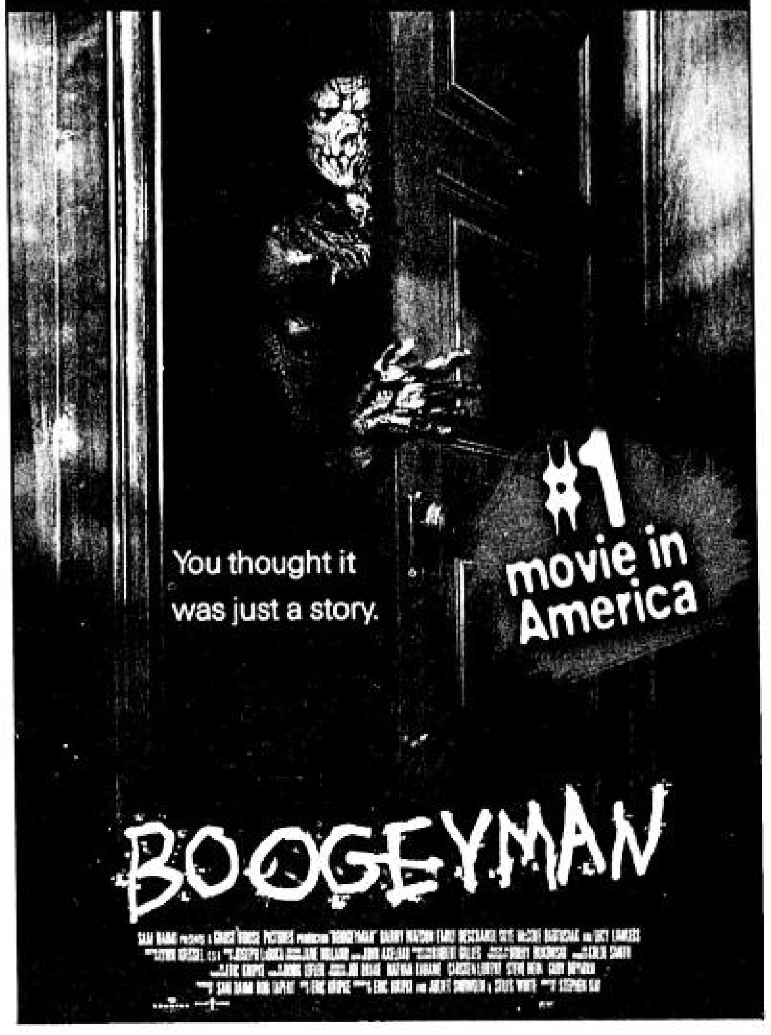
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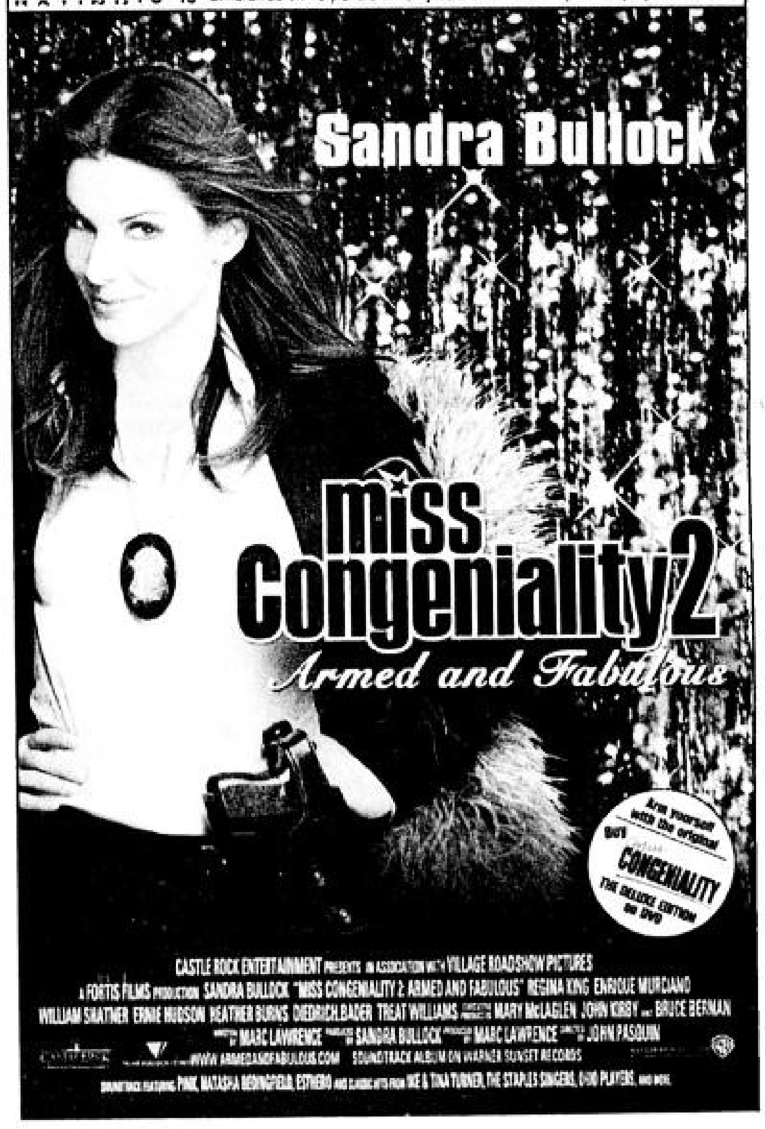
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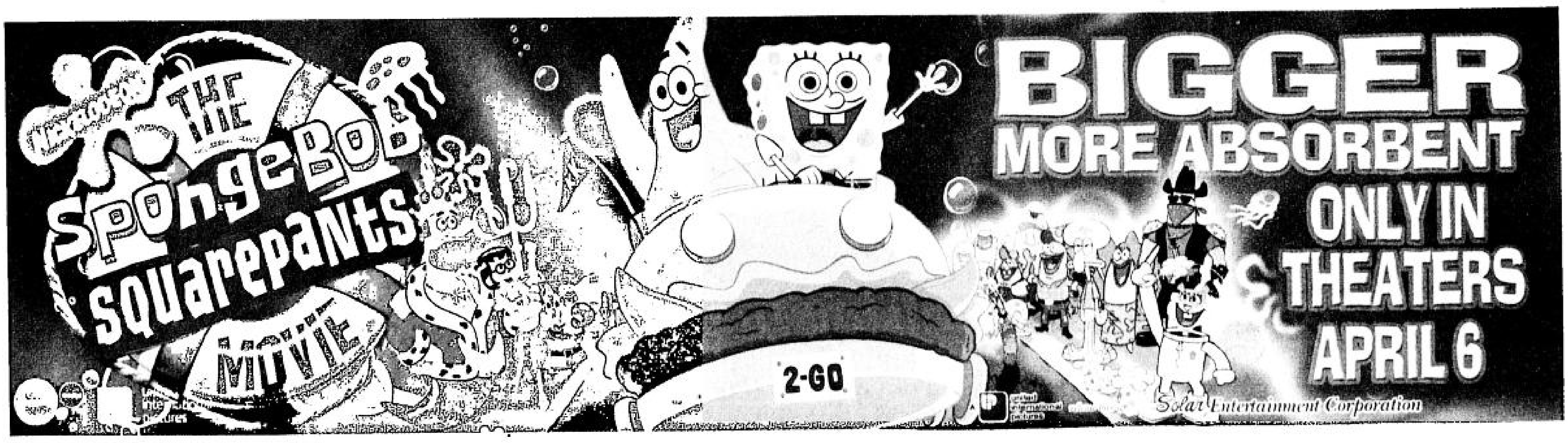
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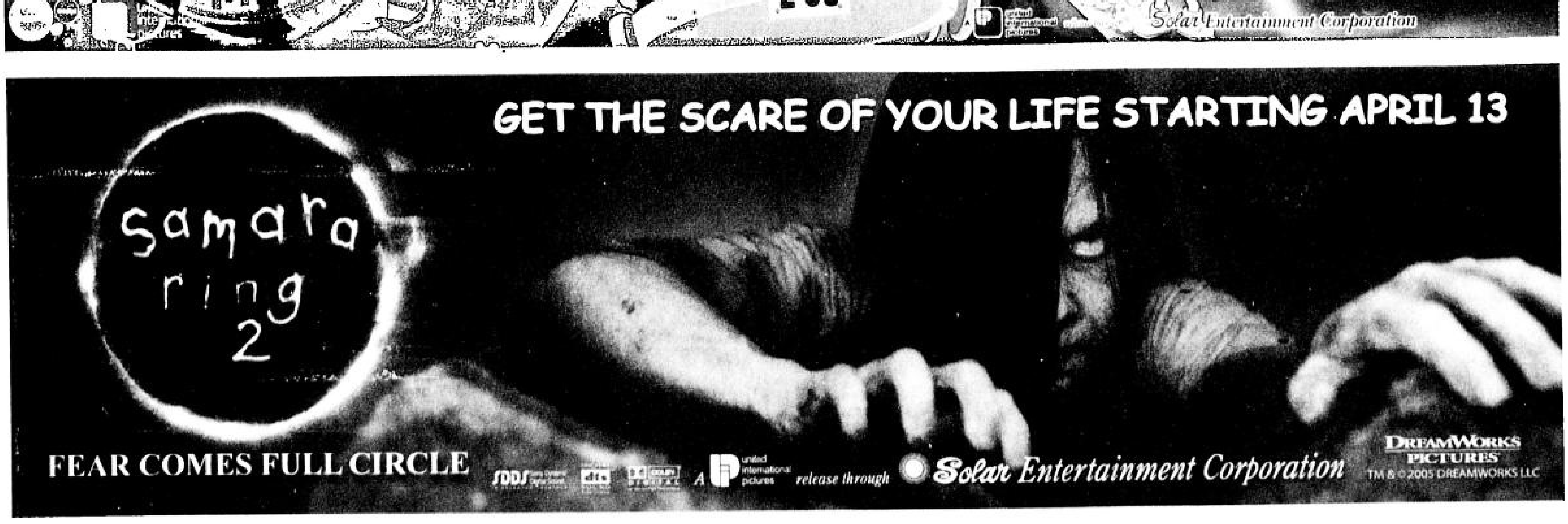
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"Finding Nemo," the recent critically acclaimed, commercially successful film jointly produced by Pixar Animation Studios and Walt Disney Pictures, is a hilarious adventure about family, courage and challenges.

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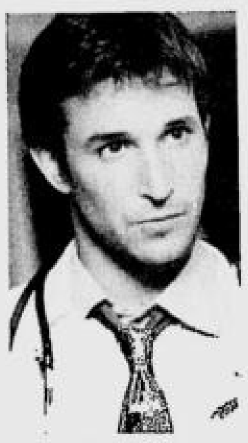

NOAH Wyle

Sorry, doctor is out

LOS ANGELES—Noah Wyle is leaving "ER" as a regular cast member at the end of this season, NBC said Thursday.

Wyle, 33, the only original star who remained with the medical drama through its 11 years, will return for four episodes in each of the next two seasons. "ER" has been renewed through the 2007-08 season.

True love steals away his character, Dr. John Carter, who reunites in the May 12 episode with girlfriend Kem (Thandie Newton), whom he met doing volunteer medical work in Africa.

Producer 'sad'

Carter leaves Chicago's County General Hospital in the May 19 season finale.

"It's very sad for me. Noah is a wonderful actor and a wonderful man," executive producer John Wells told USA Today.

In 2004, Wyle said he intended to leave "ER" when his contract ended this season.

"I've just got other stuff going in my life right now," Wyle told "E! News Live" last September. "I've got a son, I've got family and friends that said goodbye to me 12 years ago and are wondering when I'm coming back."

"ER" has been a durable performer for NBC, but it lost its No. 1 ratings status to newcomers including Fox's "American Idol." *AP*

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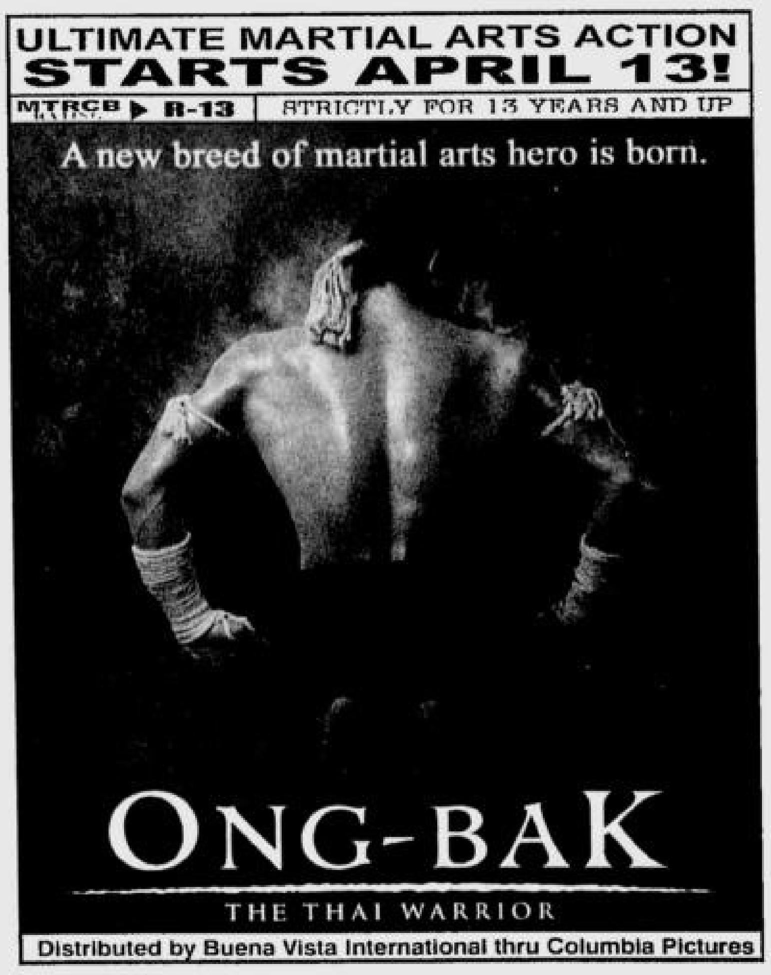
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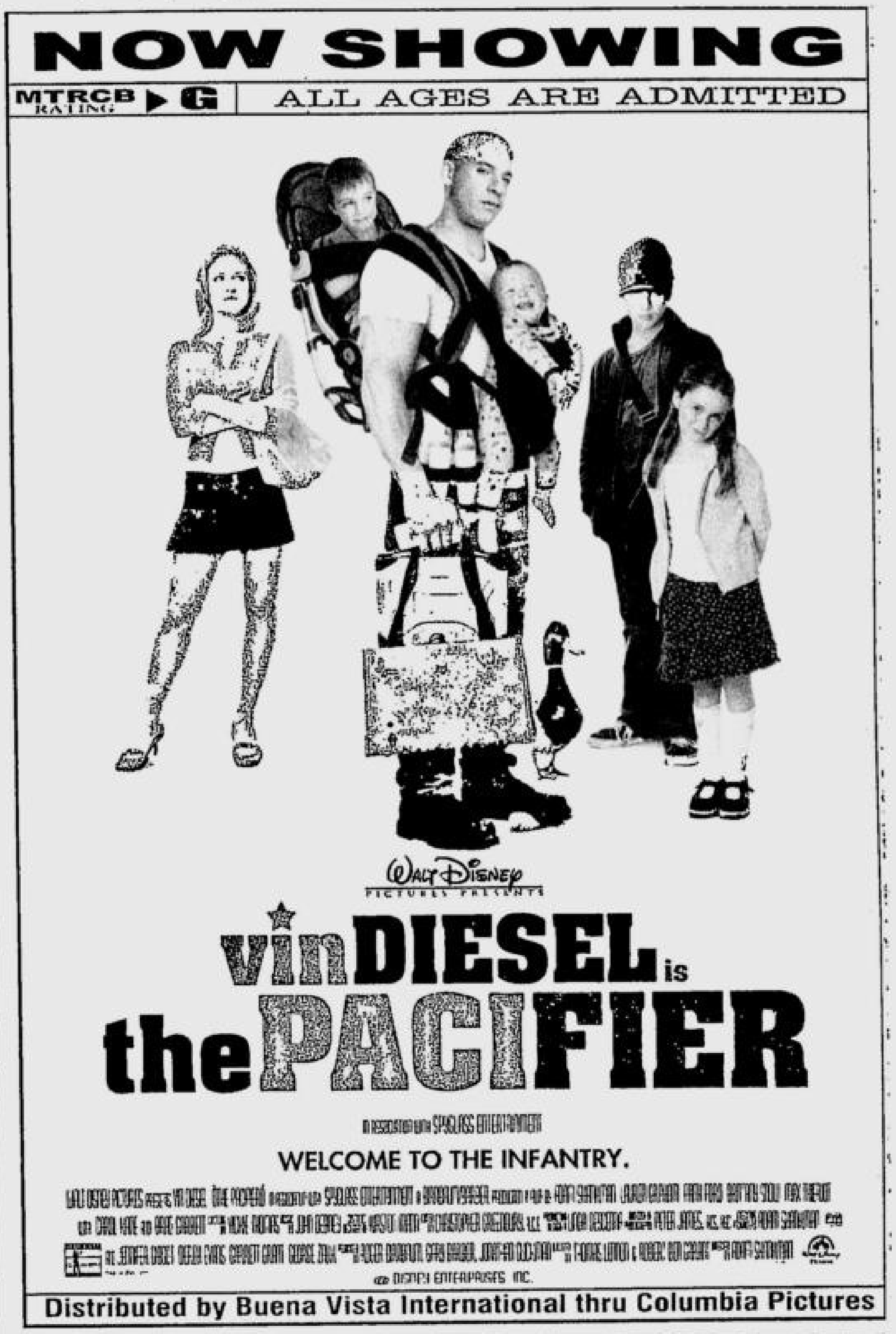
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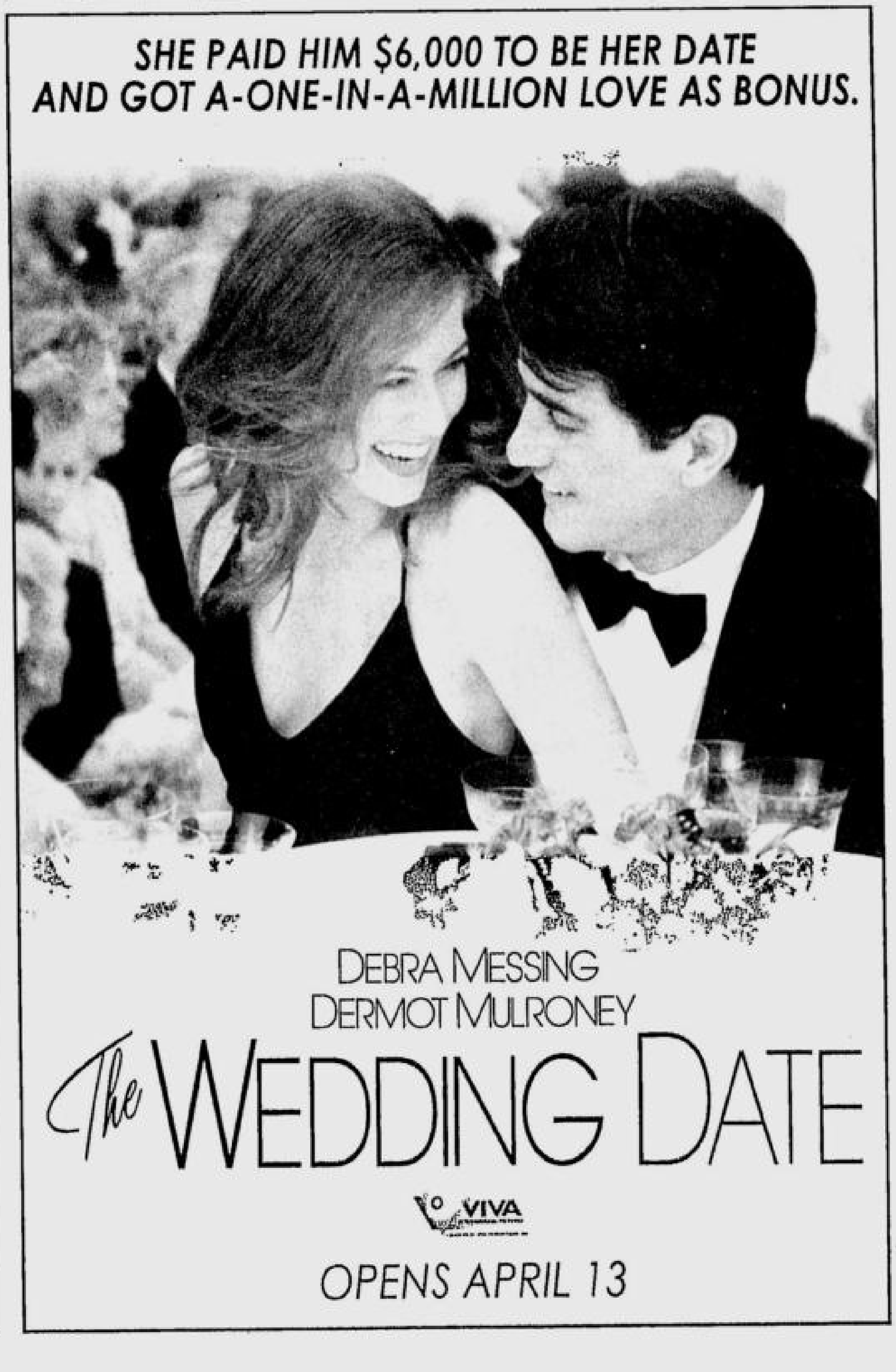
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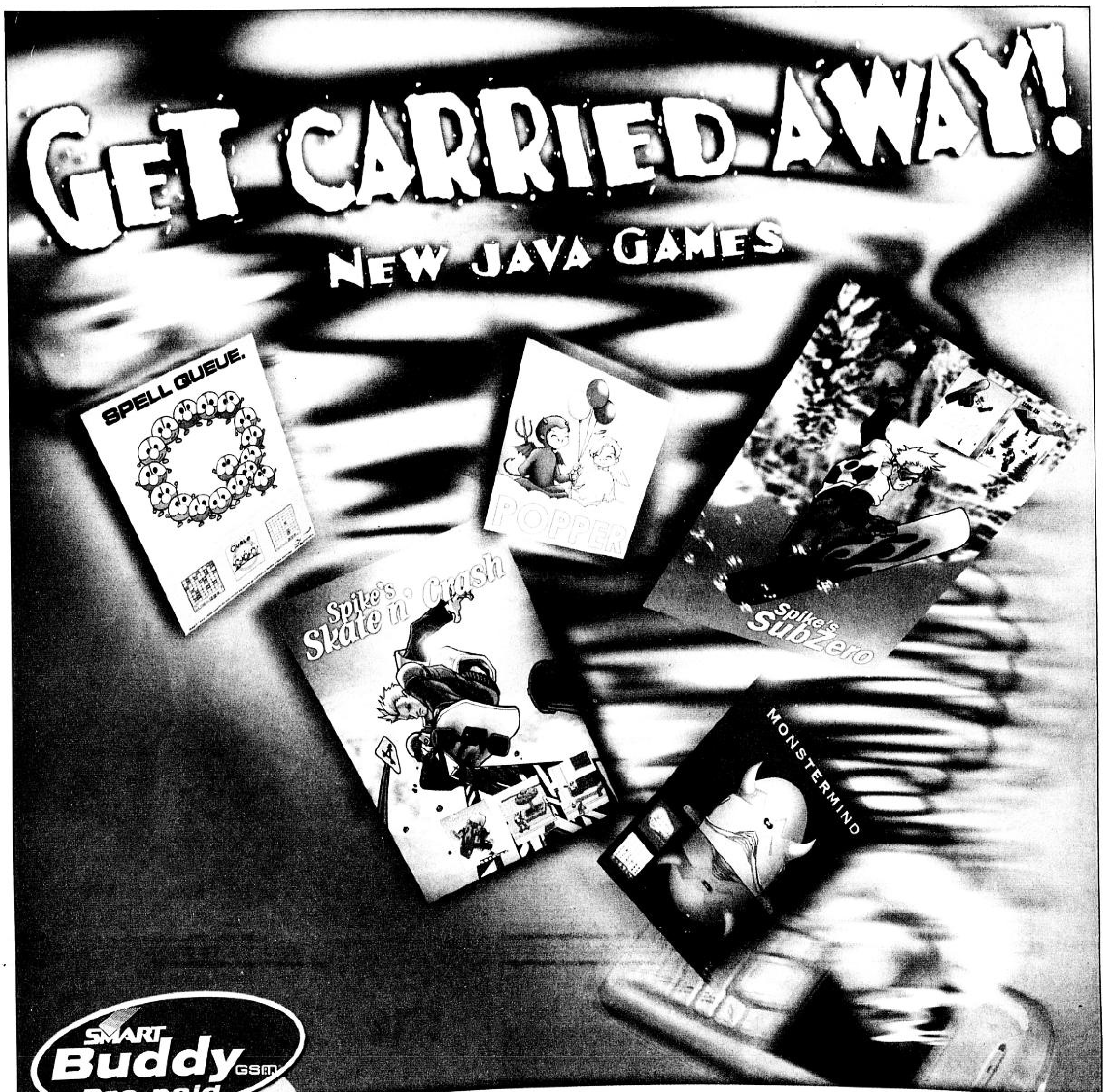

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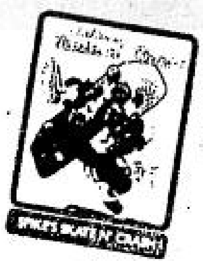

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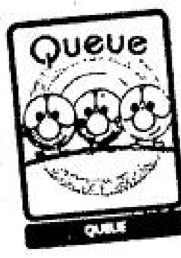

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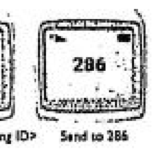
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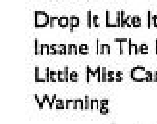
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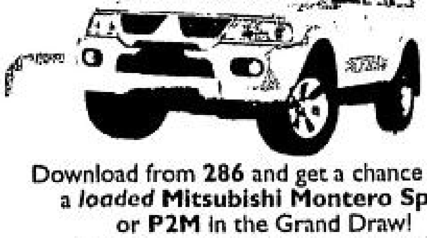

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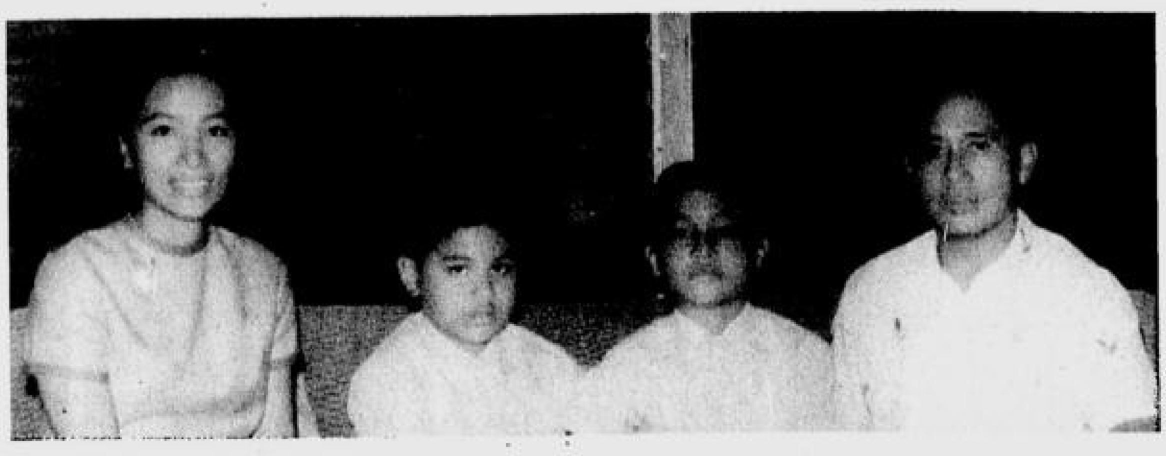

MIRA and Leandro Sinco, with sons Victor Vicente and Luis Leandro

DR. MIRA Dragon-Cinco today

ALEX PAL

Woman ahead of her time

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

DUMAGUETE, Oriental Negros—Mira Dragon-Sinco was in second grade in Cavite when she was asked by her teacher to sit at the back of the classroom and help some classmates in their English lessons.

On that day, the 8-year-old decided to be a teacher.

She never wavered in her decision, as children are wont to do, and took up English and Education studies at the University of the Philippines, where she graduated with honors in 1956.

FIRST JOB

That degree put her firmly on a teaching career path that first took her here, where she earned her teaching stripes at Foundation University, one of the province's four major institutions of learning, of which she will eventually become president.

For the proud Caviteña who traces her roots to the Katipuneros who fought side by side with national hero Andres Bonifacio, going to Dumaguete was farthest from her mind.

It was dean of the College of Education who pushed her into it.

He set up the appointment for the 21-year-old, and convinced her to meet up with the dean at that time of the UP College of Law, who was urgently looking for an English teacher for the school that he founded.

"I did not even know where Dumaguete was. The farthest I have been to was Naga. My appointment was supposed to be at 10 a.m., but I arrived at 11 a.m. I said I was just delayed. But the truth was, I really did not want to go," Sinco tells SundayBiz.

But she did anyway, and was somehow convinced to seriously think over the offer.

Little did she know that she just faced her future father-in-law, who asked her to go over the details with his son, who would eventually become her husband, best friend, partner and pillar of support.

It was not love at first sight, however, for Mira and Leandro Sinco. Far from it.

Thus, it was not because of him that she reluctantly took the offer and rode the boat to Dumaguete.

"It was my mother who said that it was a good idea to earn some experience before I pursue the scholarship for a post-graduate degree that I wanted. So I went, and I cried all the way," Sinco recalls.

There were no more tears, however, when she settled into her job as an English teacher in June 1956, earning about P180 a month.

She was a popular teacher—strict but approachable—and became quite the celebrity on campus that her sleep was usually interrupted by groups of men serenading her.

She, however, said that she never even peeked out the window to see who they were.

Perhaps it was because Leandro got wind of the threatening competition that he eventually made his intentions known to Mira.

By September, he asked her to marry him.

"Of course I said no. My grandmother who raised me said that she would come back from the dead and pull my leg if I get married so quickly," Mira says.

Leandro, however, would not be so easily rebuffed. The two eventually got married and Mira got used to her new role as a wife, and then mother to two sons, Victor Vicente and Luis Leandro.

Her dream of earning a post-graduate degree, however, was always at the back of her mind.

After three years of marriage, she got her chance. She packed up her two young children and brought them with her to Manila where she took up a Master's degree in counseling and guidance from UP.

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Woman ahead of her time

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MIRA with President Macapagal-Arroyo in 2002 when she was named outstanding centennial graduate of Cavite National High School.

tend to the school, and the host of other family businesses that included a rural bank and tracts of land.

And just when they all thought that she was through with her studies, she applied for, and later awarded, a Fulbright-Hays Fellowship at the Michigan State University where she stayed from 1964-66.

"I learned how not to sleep because I was teaching on top of the full course load. But it was worth it. I would send voice records to the kids, telling them about how I was. My husband would also tell me about the papaya trees that we planted before I left, and that they were ready for harvest. It was his way of telling me that I should come back soon," she says.

Come back she did, and she was named dean of the graduate school of Foundation University.

But she and the entire family had to go back to the US just before martial law was declared. They first stayed in Michigan, where she completed her PhD from the Michigan State University, then moved to Washington.

By 1974, she again decided to go back to school. And to Harvard no less.

"I told my husband that I wanted to go back to school and take up this intensive course in educational management to increase my knowledge and skills," she says. "He said it was all right with him, but the problem was he did not know how to cook, and he forbade TV dinners in the house."

She took care of the problem by buying an upright freezer, cooking enough food to last the seven weeks that she would be in Harvard, and drawing up a menu that spelled out what they would eat for breakfast, lunch and dinner, with simple instructions on what vegetables to add to certain meals.

"That was how crazy and determined I was. When I finished, I was so tired that I slept through the entire trip," she says. "Of course there was a big bunch of flowers from my husband when I arrived there to show me how much he and the kids appreciated my effort."

Mira did the same thing when she moved to Los Angeles, California, because she felt the discrimination in Washington. Those were bad times for women, more so for those with color, even if they had PhDs.

"My husband allowed me because that was how enlightened he was. I would fly back to Washington every two weeks. And the minute I got back home, I would start cooking and cleaning the bathroom. I did that for the family and for them to feel good. I cannot be selfish," Mira says.

They went back to the Philippines in 2000 after Mira took her early retirement, and she helped her husband run Foundation University.

As fate would have it, her husband would suddenly pass away in 2003, and on commencement day.

It was a sad day for Foundation University, Leandro's wife of 45 years and the two sons and grandchildren. But they all had to move on.

Mira took over the presidency of Foundation University and is determined to keep the school in step with the times.

THE SINCOS during one of their many trips abroad.

While she no longer teaches academic subjects, she is still a mentor to the 4,200 students that go through the university's gates.

She tells them that they all have what it takes to be better people, as long as they have a goal, stay focused and work hard to achieve it.

Her goal now is to produce quality graduates who will become good citizens of the country and the world.

"I want the school to continue producing individuals who can think, plan and govern themselves. People with self-esteem and confidence to do what they want out of life," she says.

Though she does not recommend people to do what she did, she says she has no regrets. And if given a chance, she will do exactly what she did as a wife, mother, student, teacher and administrator.

She was, indeed, a woman way ahead of her time.

Farming rediscovered

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diversification.

CRTD wants to make sure incomes derived from farmlands should not only enable a family of six to live within the poverty line, but also enable them to make more than enough and make farming a highly competitive, profitable enterprise.

There is also the 0.5-hectare vegetable-based farming system in the Bukhay 5000 project. The Sapat 2000 aquaculture farm covers a 2,000-square-meter land for tilapia-based farming system.

CRTD uses the technologies for various agricultural commodities and integrates them to develop and showcase farming systems for farm lots of varying sizes to increase yield and income.

Experiments are done on farm lots and model farms with areas of about 2,000 square meters to find the right combination and balance of agricultural products (livestock, poultry, aquaculture, vegetables, ornaments and fruit crops) that will provide optimum income.

Martillano was lucky enough to have known a fellow farmer working in the model farms of CRTD. He was taken in as a temporary worker.

Ten years after that fateful entry into the gates of CRTD, Martillano still finds himself waking up at four in the morning to till the land he is assigned to, just like the way he used to in Albay.

MIKE YABUT/PBSP

THE CRTD model farms are teaching farmers new farming techniques.

The difference is that now, he also tends to livestock, and is definitely earning more.

He has just recently been instrumental in delivering a calf and has been tending ducks for *balut* production.

"He can be considered a veterinarian," says Ralph Perez, senior technology officer.

Martillano has morphed into a livestock breeder of cows, ducks and Kabir chicken during his stay at the CRTD farm.

Martillano now supplies raw milk to Hacienda Macalawan, which in turn processes it for delivery to Gloria Jeans Coffee shops in Manila.

His days may be as long as when he was in Albay, but he earns more today and has picked up lifesaving livelihood technologies.

"Now, I make *tocino* while watching TV," Martillano says in Filipino. He is even thinking of making durian pastillas.

His whole family works the farm. The children help feed the pigs. Martillano tends the cows while his wife takes care of the vegetable plots.

Martillano learned the value of recording farming processes and is happily recording his yield.

The waste material from the cows is efficiently converted into biogas to power his house inside the model farm.

Right next door to his Bukhay farm is the Sapat tilapia farm.

Martillano's brother, a former stunt man and stand in for actor Dante Varona, is engaged in a most delicate dance—that of gathering fingerlings from earthen ponds.

The earthen ponds yield 100,000 fingerlings monthly.

The CRTD farm is eagerly awaiting the incubator technology that would boost the income of the tilapia farm to P2 million next year.

The former stunt man says he will take to aquaculture farming any day over jumping the San Juanico Bridge for a living.

CRTD chief Rolando S. Corpuz notes the transforming effects of the CRTD model farming programs on the recipients.

"I used to be just a simple farmer," Martillano says.

But now, he speaks before students and fellow farmers willing to learn CRTD farming technologies.

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AGENDA

1. Determination of Quorum
2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
3. Annual Report
4. New Business
   4.1 Ratification of all Acts and Resolutions of the Board of Directors and of the Executive Committee adopted during the preceding year in the ordinary course of business.
   4.2 Ratification of the Resolution of the Board of Directors adopted on 09 December 2004 on the Reverse Stock Split of the Common shares by changing the par value from P1.00/share to P50.00/share, and the amendment to the Article Seventh of the Amended Articles of Incorporation to reflect the same.
5. Election of Directors (including the Independent Director)
6. Election of Auditors and Fixing of their Remuneration
7. Consideration of such other business as may properly come before the meeting
8. Adjournment

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on **22 February 2005** are entitled to notice of, and to vote at, this meeting. As per By-laws, the Stock and Transfer Books of the Corporation will be closed from **22 February to 02 March 2005**, inclusive.

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JOSE Maria G. Marco, US-based teleservices provider Epixtar's first Filipino call center manager, knows outbound call center outsourcing quite well.

When he started out in the industry in early 2000 as an agent with a local call center implementing outbound operations, Marco exceeded quotas two-fold within his first three weeks of manning the phones.

He moved up to team leader in just another two weeks, and became program manager and then shift supervisor in less than a year.

By his third year, he was already the call center manager for the startup teleservices firm.

Prior to joining Epixtar in September 2003, Marco also did some consultancy work for another outbound call center, which had just initiated its outbound operations and required his experience to roll out its services.

Passion

While many in the industry prefer to work on inbound programs, Marco's passion for great challenges and excitement kept him focused on an outbound outsourcing career.

"Inbound is more predictable because once you've got everything settled and if you've established the processes and procedures in terms of operations, it basically runs itself. Whereas in outbound, you can't make an accurate forecast on what your call volumes will be in any particular day. It's like living on the edge," Marco says.

It was also this thirst for new challenges that spurred Marco to join Epixtar when it was starting operations in Manila. Epixtar acquired iCall, a local call center operator, housed in Insular Life Tower, Filinvest, Alabang and designated Marco operations manager to build up the company's first Philippine facility and handle day-to-day operations.

Challenges

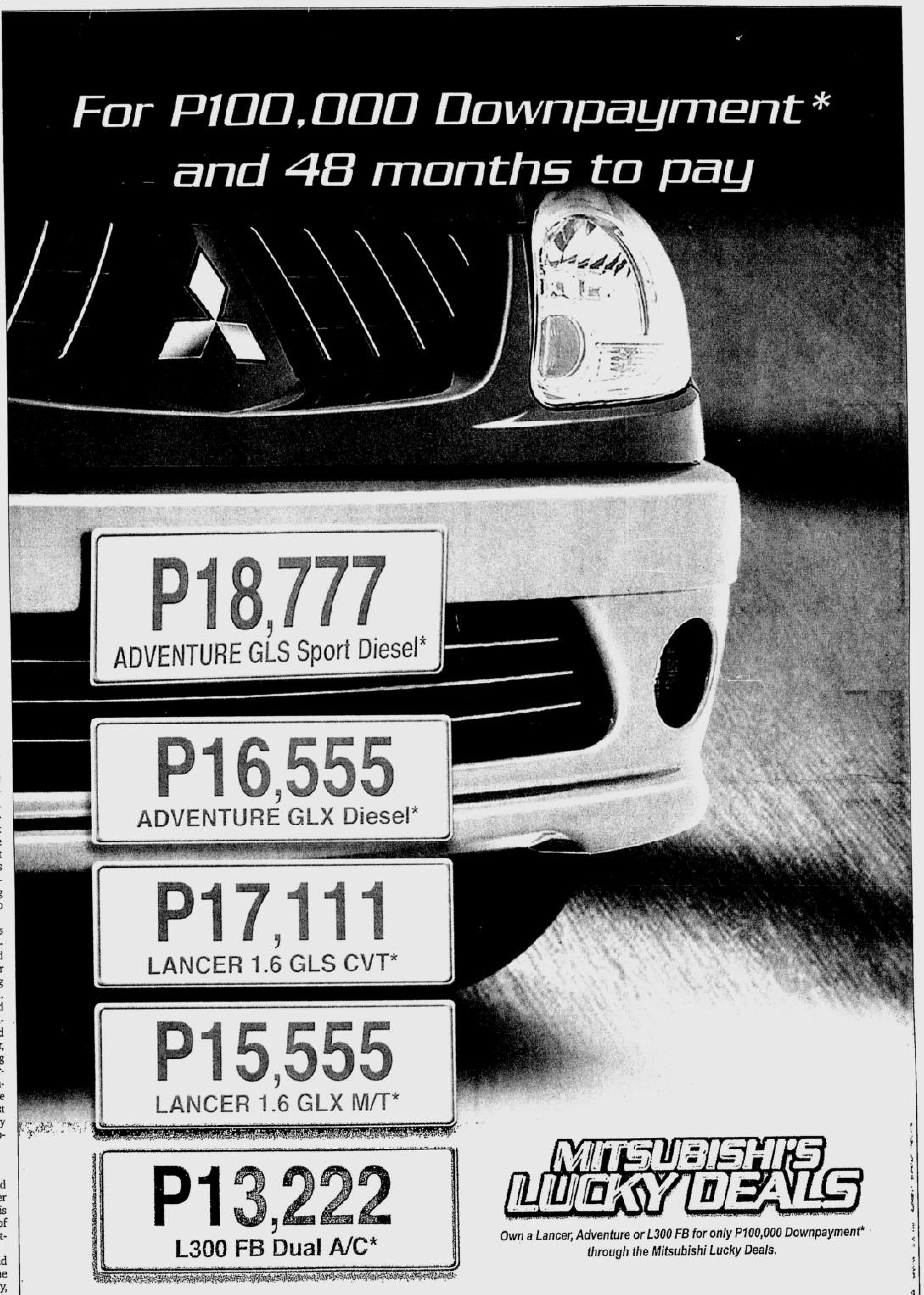
Epixtar promoted Marco to call center manager early this year, in charge of overseeing all departments in Alabang.

Marco supervised operations of the 246-seat facility, which focused on Epixtar's telecommunications programs for several major carriers in the US, including AT&T and MCI as well as other outbound programs targeted for the UK.

Last month, Marco moved to Epixtar House, the company's flagship center in Eastwood, as one of two call center managers running a production floor.

The flagship center now operates close to 400 seats, which makes Marco's job even more challenging.

"The industry is in an upswing and the best thing about that is it benefits our economy, generates employment, and provides better career opportunities," he says.



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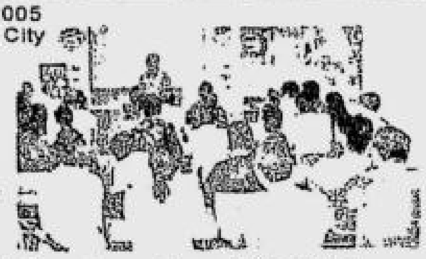

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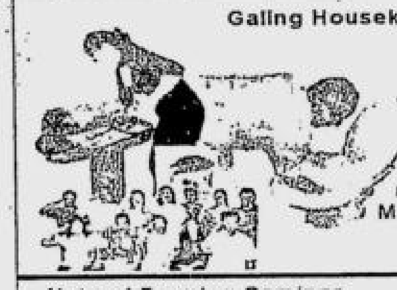

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Seminar Fee: P100.00 for GPM Members, P200.00 for non-members

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8am to 5pm, Saturday, April 23, 2005
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April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 2005
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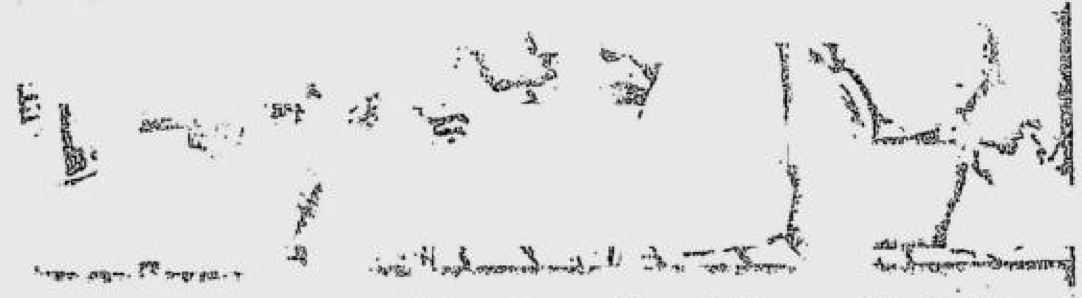

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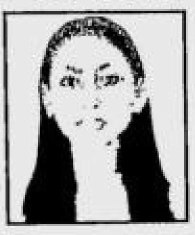

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DUTY FREE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

DUTY FREE PHILIPPINES, a division of the Philippine Tourism Authority invites interested contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for:

DFP 2005 SECURITY SERVICES

CONTRACTS	APPROVED BUDGET OF CONTRACT
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Security Services for Area II (EHA Bldg., and NFM Perimeter/ Integrated Warehouse)	P 14.83 M
Security Services for Area III (NAIA I / Cebu Mactan/ Cebu Lahug)	P 10.33 M

The prospective Security agency should be duly licensed by PNP and have at least Five (5) years experience in providing Security Services in major retail establishments and warehouses, has deployed a minimum number of three hundred (300) licensed guards, and equipped with security devices and equipment.

The approved Budgets of the Contracts are chargeable against DFP Corporate Fund. The contract duration is for One (1) year.

Interested bidders may submit personally their Letter of Intent on April 12 to 14, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Issuance of the application for Eligibility shall be on the same date at the Purchasing Department, Duty Free Philippines, EHA Building, Ninoy Aquino Avenue, Paranaque City. Deadline of submission of the application for Eligibility shall be on April 19, 2005 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. All applicants shall be notified on the results of the Eligibility Check.

Bid documents shall be given only to those who have been found eligible on May 03, 2005 (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) upon payment of non-refundable fee of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00).

Unless otherwise indicated in the Instruction to Bidders or other bidding and contract documents, all particulars relative to the procurement and contract implementation shall be governed by R.A. 9184 and its implementing rules and regulations.

DFP reserves the right to waive any formality on the eligibility requirements and of this project. Furthermore, DFP reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that a contract shall be entered as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd) **MA. LOURDES DORIA VELARDE**
Chairman
Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - April 3 & 10, 2005)

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INTERESTED APPLICANTS CAN BRING THEIR PERTINENT DOCUMENTS AND APPLY PERSONALLY FROM MONDAY TO FRIDAY, 9:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M. AT:

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NATIONAL HOME MORTGAGE FINANCE CORPORATION

March 17, 2005

INVITATION TO PRE-QUALIFY AND BID

The National Home Mortgage Finance Corporation (NHMFC) invites all qualified janitorial agencies to pre-qualify and bid for the utility services requirements at the NHMFC Head Office, NHMFC Taguig Warehouse, La Union and Legaspi Regional Offices, and Imus and Sta. Rosa Satellite Offices, with a total requirement of Thirty (30) utility personnel.

Interested parties may secure pre-qualification information sheet starting April 07 to 13, 2005 from the Office of the Manager, Physical Resources Department at the 7th Floor, Filomena Bldg. III, 104 Amorsolo Street, Legaspi Village, Makati City. A pre-bidding conference will be held at the NHMFC Multi-Purpose Hall on May 26, 2005, by which actual submission and opening of bids shall be announced. Only pre-qualified security agencies will be allowed to attend the pre-bid conference. Failure to attend the pre-bidding conference will be a ground for disqualification to participate in the bidding.

All proposals must be accompanied by a bidder's bond equivalent to 5% of the total bid price but not exceeding P10,000.00 in the form of cash, manager's check payable to NHMFC or GSIS bid bond.

NHMFC reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality/deficiency therein or to accept such bids as may be considered most advantageous to the Corporation.

For furthern information/clarification on the above matters, please contact Office of the Manager, Physical Resources Department, Telephone No. 893-1501, local 378.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. DANIEL Q. LACUATA**
Vice President, Administrative Group

(PDI--April 3, 2005)

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A Project of the United States Agency for International Development
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USAID Contract No: 492-C-00-02-00018-00

URGENT REQUIREMENT

ROAD / HIGHWAY DESIGN ENGINEER

(Primary Specialty: Road / Highway Engineering)

Employee Classification Code: **Professional**
Unit and Location: **Design Team - Infrastructure, GEM PMO Davao City**
Person Reporting to: **DPM Infra, CIP/MSIP Task Manager, GEM PMO**
Period of Engagement: **Yearly renewable contract after the 6 mos Probationary Period**

GENERAL PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE OF THE POSITION

The Highway/Road Design Engineer will be responsible for all the highway/road design work and design related activities of the Infrastructure Team. He shall be in charge of designing Road and Highway Projects under his Primary Specialty, review the design of other related types of Projects, Records Management and Tracking of Design Progress, Quality Assurance of Designs for each Project and Writing of specifications, plans, procedures and other related operational documents.

DUTIES OF THE POSITION

- Produce the designs and related documents for small and medium scale roads and highway sub-projects.
- Provide inputs to the studies coordinator in the collection of data required for each road / highway subproject during the conduct of the topographic and geotechnical surveys.
- Supervise the CADD Operators in the generation of plans and drawings for the design of road/highway sub-projects
- Resolve any design related issues that may arise in the design development and during the implementation of road/highway sub-projects
- Assists in the quality review of the design and drawings of road/highway related types of sub-projects.
- Sign as the chief designer in all road and highway plans and drawings produced for CIP/MSIP sub-projects.
- Provide inputs for the monthly report on the status of road / highway design activities
- Provide inputs in the Design Groups Quarterly and Annual Reports as needed
- Ensure compliance of all designs to the prescribed Quality Assurance and Quality Control Procedures
- Produce Initial Specifications and Terms of Reference for all needed Pre Engineering Design Surveys and Studies.
- Prepare initial estimates of quantities for the different types of road/highway sub-projects
- Perform other related duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications: Registered Civil Engineer, minimum ten years experience in road/highway design, data collection, conduct of studies and construction supervision on the type of project considered as the primary specialty. Knowledgeable in the use of AutoCADD, Land development Desktop and other related site development and infrastructure planning design tools. Proficient in oral and written communications.

Preferred Qualifications: Experience in designing Highway and Rural Road projects for multinational institutions such as ADB, World Bank and USAID.

Level of Responsibility: Coordinate with the Design Team Leader and design staff, including both professional and technical support staff, in the preparation of design drawings, specifications, quantity estimates as well as in the data collection for design and construction of road and highway projects. The Highway/Road Designer will also need to coordinate with the other units of the Infrastructure Team and Construction Engineers for proper execution of designs and completion of projects.

Interested individuals are requested to submit original copies of their letter of interest, statement of experience and qualifications and salary history addressed to GEM Contracts Manager to the following address: **The Louis Berger Group, Inc. Unit 3, 12th/F, Export Bank Plaza, Sen. Gil Puyat corner Don Chino Roces Avenues, Makati City 1200.** Tel: (02) 812-1647 or fax to GEM Davao office at (082) 225-1479. Deadline of submission is April 8, 2005.

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Applicants may send their curriculum vitaé to the following

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Republic of the Philippines
FILIPINAS EYE CENTER FOUNDATION, INC.
Sentro Oftalmológico Jose Rizal
PGH Compound, Taft Avenue Manila

The Filipinas Eye Center Foundation, Inc. (FECFI) has received a grant from the Spanish Agency for International Cooperation (AECI) for the "**Construction and Creation of a National Eye Referral Center in the Philippines.**"

FECFI now invites sealed bids for the acquisition of **Hospital Furniture** for the Sentro Oftalmológico Jose Rizal.

Prospective bidders should be duly organized in the Philippines, incorporated with the SEC or DTI for a minimum of five (5) years.

Interested bidders may secure Bidding Documents from the office of Filipina Eye Center Foundation, Inc.-Project Management Unit, Sentro Oftalmológico Jose Rizal, PGH Compound, Taft Ave., Manila starting Monday, 4 April 2005. **Deadline of submission is on April 15, 2005, 3 pm.** For clarification, you may contact the PMU at Tel. No. 404-3738.

The FECFI reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any defect herein and to accept the offer as may be considered most advantageous to the Foundation. The FECFI will not answer any obligation for any loss whatsoever that may be incurred by the bidders in the preparation of their respective proposals, nor will the FECFI guarantee that an award will be made.

(Sgd.) **MARITA V.T. REYES, MD**
President, FECFI

(PDI–April 3, 2005)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the public that the following persons are no longer connected with **INTERNATIONAL QUALITY MANPOWER SERVICES, INC.**

1. Rexy S. Maestro	effective 15-Dec-04
2. Annabel B. Molina	effective 17-Jan-05
3. Rowena M. Francisco	effective 14-Feb-05
4. Aster R. Miñoza	effective 18-Feb-05

All transactions entered into by the persons stated above for and in behalf of the company from the said dates shall no longer be honored.

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(PDI–April 3, 2005)

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Minimum Bid Price P 225,000.00

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Lot4707 National Rd., Tallungan, Aparri
Minimum Bid Price P 4,447,036.00

Lot 5 – Res'l. Lot LA 6,203 sqm
Lot2449-C-2 Maharlika Highway, Dacal La Fugu, Camalaniugan
Minimum Bid Price P 3,503,530.00

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LA 987 sqm
Maharlika Highway, Poblacion Cordon (across Javonillo Hospital)
Minimum Bid Price P 850,725.00

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Corpuz St. Gayong-gayong, Cordon
Minimum Bid Price P 382,500.00

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Lot21271 Nat'l. Highway, Gayong-gayong, Cordon
Minimum Bid Price P 1,285,564.00

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Lot548-A&B Turingan cor Bachelor Sts, Dubinan East, Santiago City
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Lot 10 - Res'l. Lot LA 800 sqm
Lot3559-L-10 Baquirin St, Purok 2, Patul, Santiago City
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Lot 11 - Res'l. Lot w/ Imprvmnt
LA 1,341 sqm Lot1328-A Ramirez cor Dadoral Sts. Brgy.Rizal,SantiagoCity
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Lot 12 – Res'l. Lot w/ Imprvmnt
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Lot 15 – Res'l Lots LA 432 sqm
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Lot 22 – Res'l. Lot LA 3,605 sqm
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Lot 32 – Agri. Lot w/ Imprvmnt
LA 10,000sqm, FA 960sqm
Lot2-A Tagaran, Cauayan City
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Lot 33–Res'l/Comm'l Lot w/Imprvmnt
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Lot6-A Brgy Magsaysay, Naguilian
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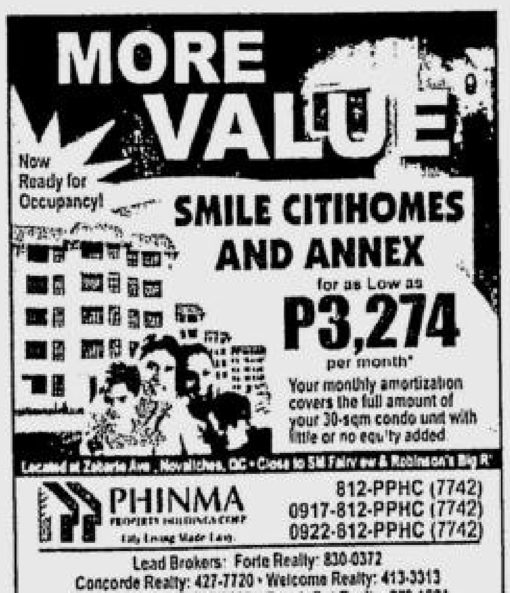

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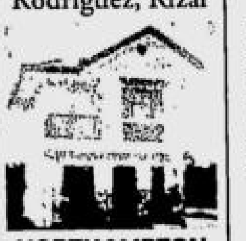

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Her bereaved children, **Mellet & Mely Casimiro, Nito & Letty Padilla, Vance & Lita Noriega, Jun & Lucy Salaver, Eddie & Naty Yap, Boyet & Josie Añonuevo**, grandchildren, great grandchildren & other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Funeraria Filipinas Real Street, Pamplona, Las Piñas City.

Cremation will be on Tuesday, April 5, 2005 after the 1:00 pm Mass at Christ the King Parish, Pamplona, Las Piñas City.

Paz Sarrido Soriano

(October 6, 1934 – March 19, 2005)

We, the bereaved family wish to convey our heartfelt gratitude to our dear friends, relatives, legionaries Montfort Missionaries, Daughters of Wisdom, TTJers, and to all those who offered at masses, prayers comforted and supported us in her earthly journey.

Message of Thanks

We, the family of the late

ANTONIO LEDESMA MAPA, SR.

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sincerely convey our deepest gratitude and appreciation to all those who offered prayers, sent flowers, visited and kept vigil, attended the funeral rites and condoled with us in our moment of grief.

PATRICK JAMES GOCHINGCO Y BUENAFE

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on April 2, 2005
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His bereaved wife **ANN-RUTH BOLISAY-GOCHINGCO**; child **PATRICIA ANDREA**; his beloved mother **CECILE** and loving brothers **FREDERICK** and **PHILLIP**; other relatives and friends requests the readers to join them in praying for his eternal happiness in heaven.

His body lies in state at the La Funeraria Paz, G. Araneta Ave., Quezon City.

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Basilica del Sto. Niño Magallanes Street, Cebu City	8:00 a.m.
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Readers are requested to pray
for the eternal repose of her soul.

ANGEL S. GAITE JR

of Quezon City & Capalonga, Camarines Norte

*Peacefully joined our Lord and his father **Atty. Angel A. Gaite***
on April 1, 2005 in Quezon City at age 64.

His bereaved mother **Nena S. Gaite**; sisters **Atty. Lilia G. Gonzales, Josephine G. Carbon, Elsa G. Sadang** and brother **Major Angel S. Gaite III**; nephews and nieces and other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at St. Joseph Chapel, Oro.Funeral Homes, 135 20th Avenue, Murphy, Cubao, Quezon City.

Interment will be at the North Cemetery on April 5, 2005 after the 1:30 mass.

Our Dearly Beloved

ROSA SANTOS GARCIA

passed away on April 1, 2005
at the age of 93.

Her bereaved family, children & spouses, **Milagring, Avelina, Fe, Adoracion, Normita & Arturo, Lucy, Lando & Miniang**; her grandchildren & great grandchildren; other relatives & friends request you to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie at 19 Dalisay St., Serrano Subd., Marulas, Valenzuela City.

Interment will be on April 9, 2005 at the Valenzuela Memorial Park, Valenzuela City after the Holy Mass at 2:00 p.m.

Elvira Maceda Abarquez

of Pagsanjan, Laguna

Peacefully joined the Lord and her husband, Isagani Abarquez
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Her bereaved family; children **Marie & Sato, Mon & Margot, Ben** and grandchildren; brothers and sisters & in-laws, nephews & niece & other relatives request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at the Loyola Memorial Chapels, Guadalupe, Makati City.

Interment will be on Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at the Ala-ala Memorial Park, Pagsanjan, Laguna after the 2:00 p.m. Funeral Mass.

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His Brothers and Sisters-in-law, PAUL and GIGI VILLANUEVA, and BOYETTE and MARINA ANDAN; His Relatives and Friends;

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Royal jelly , a natural source of energy

MODERN and fast- pace living is a concept that would be totally alien to our great grandparents. Stores are open 24 hours, making it necessary for companies to have round- the- clock operations and women have invaded realms that used to be exclusive to men. These are just examples of how different life is nowadays from a few decades ago. Sometimes we hear of men and women complaining that they are spreading themselves too thin.

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Aside from responsibly taking care of the bees' growth and development, the royal jelly contains amounts of proteins, lipids, glucides, vitamins, hormones, enzymes, mineral substances and other elements vital to the human body. It also provides vitamins B1, B2, B6, C, E, niacin, pantothenic acid, biotin, inositol and folic acid. The royal jelly may possibly help everyone through diet observed and since it is not as popular as the bee pollen, more laboratory and clinical studies are needed for the importance of the royal jelly to be more widely known. Indeed, royal jelly has become a common recommendation for a large variety of bodily needs. So, to feel grand and stay in command, take in more royal jelly.

JAMES HARDIE

JAMES HARDIE HONORED BY LOGISTICS SERVICE PROVIDERS

Ramon de Leon, president of Kawatetsu Pac-Atlantic Transport Inc (K-PAC), awards a plaque of appreciation to Ike Catillo, VP for logistics of James Hardie Phils Inc (JHPI), during the appreciation cocktails held at the roof deck of the Pac-Atlantic Centre in Makati City. Others in photo are the JHPI customer service and purchasing group and Jeff Gilmour of BCR Freight Australia. K-PAC and BCR jointly handle the logistics requirements of JHPI, which exports approximately 120 TEUs per month of fiber cement boards from its manufacturing plant in Cabuyao, Laguna for distribution to the various James Hardie locations in Brisbane, Melbourne and Fremantle.

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OUTSTANDING FILIPINO RETAILERS

The Annual Search for Outstanding Filipino Retailers 2004 - the Oscars of the Philippine retail industry - culminated in an Oscar's inspired awards night to honor the cream of the crop of the Philippine retailers. The winners were honored by a toast led by DTI Asec. J. Norman Jocson (in barong) and PRA chair Manuel Siggaoat. This year's Outstanding Filipino Retailers and Shopping Center of the Year honorees are (from left): National Bookstore (represented by founder and GM Socorro Ramos), Blims (represented by EVP Carrie Lim), Ayala Center Makati (represented by division manager Myrna Fernandez), HBC (represented by chair/CEO Rosalinda Hortaleza), Sportshouse (represented by Mars Chua), Viva Video City (represented by Joey Singian), Memo (represented by Dino Sagun), Mercury Drug (represented by Ernesto Uykim), Metrotown Mall (represented by Harry Uy), Folded and Hung (represented by Ronald Pineda), Bayo (represented by Dianna Lynn Agustin) and Regalong Pambahay (represented by Mary Ann dela Vega). Also in photo are PRA chair Manuel Siggaoat (8th from left) and PRA president Bienvenido Tantoco III (10th from left). The OFR awards is a joint project of the PRA and DTI.

A WINE PAIRING LUNCHEON AT UNSUI JAPANESE RESTAURANT

Century Park and Hotel and Ralph's Wines and Liquors hosted a sumptuous Wine Pairing Luncheon at the Unsui Japanese Restaurant. New authentic Japanese creations by executive chef Shinji Furukawa were served to the members of the diplomatic corps. In photo are (from left): CPH GM Paul Gil; Naitas executive assistant Lala Mallares; Hon. Rex Siy of the Consulate of the Slovak Republic; Hon. Bobby Joseph, Honorary Consul of Republic of Latvia; Hon. Renee Veyret, Ambassador of France; Hon. Alfonso Yuchengco III, Honorary Consul of Republic of Hungary; Hon. Joao Caetano da Silva, Ambassador of Portugal and Hon. Umberto Colesanti, Ambassador of Italy.

SOHO CENTRAL GROUND BREAKING

Century Communities Corporation-Meridien Development Group (CCC-MDG) and Greenfield Development Corporation (GDC) recently held ground breaking rites for its joint venture project Soho Central- a 35-storey twin tower residential and commercial development in EDSA Central. Gracing the ceremony is the First Lady of the Governor's Office of Mandaluyong Mdm. Menchie Abalos, (4th from left) . Also shown are from right; Ricardo Cuerva, Chief Executive Officer, Meridien Development Group, Rene Lirio, Senior Vice-President GDC, Ting, Victorino, City Administrator of the Mayor's office of Mandaluyong, Jose E.B. Antonio, Chairman of CCC-MDG, Jeffrey Campos, Director GDC, Architect Rogelio Villarosa of R. Villarosa Architects, Rafael Yaptinchay, President of MDG and Hector Diangkinay, General Manager of GDC.

Wellness At Westgate Center

WITH fitness and wellness invading the consciousness level of almost everyone, Westgate Center, Filinvest Alabang offers health and beauty centers to suit everyone's needs. With specialized services that suit your desired pampering from head to toe, Westgate Center's roster of fitness and wellness shops are nothing but the best names in the industry. Whether its sweating out you need, to a well-deserved make-over, or just feeding your desire for a total head-to-toe pampering, Westgate Center has everything to suit your indulgence: Fitness First, Tips and Toes Nail Salon, Acqua Salon. Soon to open are Belo Medical Group and The Dental Suites. Every Westgate Center's health and beauty center provides a totally unique experience that would surely get you away from all the pressure of a busy day. Westgate Center, Filinvest Alabang , is a master-planned commercial and lifestyle complex that's fast becoming the retail, entertainment and wellness destination of the south. Visit Westgate Center and have a taste of your own refuge relaxation and stress-relieving experiences. The complex is open from 7 a.m. to 1 a.m. daily. For inquiries about Westgate Center, call 807-6729.

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Bobson fashion scents

BOBSON, a leading brand in cool and casual apparel, introduces Attitude body spray for guys and gals. Attitude comes in five varieties: Sexy, Happy and Sweet for ladies; and, Fresh and Cool for men. Complimenting your style with an Attitude will surely give you not just a standout look, but an irresistible whiff of fragrance. That is fashion sense using fashion scents. Spray on the latest scents of Bobson. Attitude body spray comes in compact 50 ml. so it's convenient to carry around. At P89.75, you can get all variants and use the one that suits your mood. Visit any of the Bobson boutiques nationwide. Visit the website at www.bobson.com.ph.

Winner Corned Beef makes new impression

"SIKSIK sa laman and tama ang timpla." That is the new battlecry of Winner Corned Beef and other Winner canned meat products. Winner Corned Beef has undergone a major makeover, from taste to packaging, to make it more appealing to the average Filipino family. Aside from having the right blend of spiciness and saltiness, each can of Winner Corned Beef is now packed with more meaty goodness as added consumer benefit. Moreover, the Winner canned products now come in attractive blue, white and red labels with appetizing product shots that project a clean, uncluttered look complementing its honest-to-goodness taste. Now consumers can avail of a better choice of their favorite corned beef preparation at a pocket-friendly price. Winner Corned Beef comes in 175g and 150g sizes, produced by Virginia Food Inc, and is available in major supermarkets and groceries nationwide.

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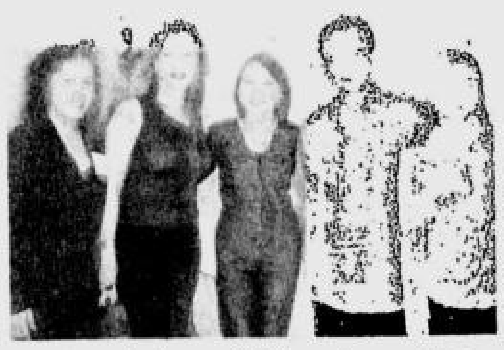
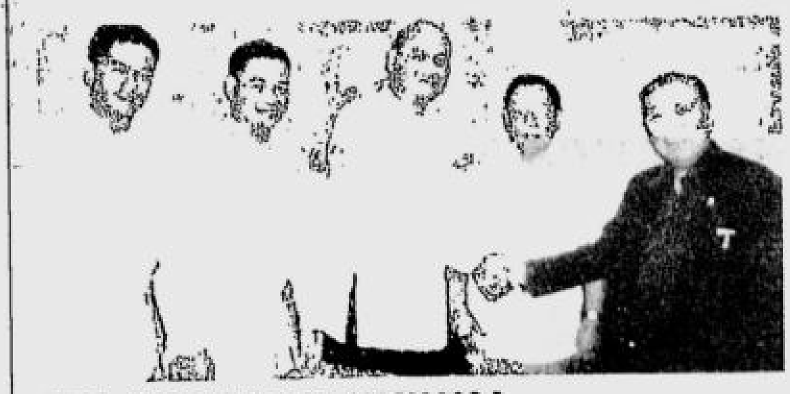
Nothing could be better than to be a member of BPI Family Savings Bank's exclusive club of top performers from its pool of accredited brokers. Dubbed as the Elite Brokers Circle, the top brokers are ranked according to the amount of successful housing loan referrals they bring in. One of the privileges the members of the Elite Brokers circle enjoy is an exclusive lunch with BPI Family Savings Bank President Alfonso L. Salcedo, Jr. Referred to as the President's Treat, top brokers Josephine Gaston, Cathy Coniega and Arnel Cruzado were invited to a sumptuous lunch last January 28 at the Sugi restaurant in Greenbelt. The valued brokers likewise received gift items from BPI Family Savings Bank.



CEBU ROADSHOW IN GLORIETTA

Shown are Cebu Business Month (CBM) 2005 consultant Carmel de Pio-Salvador, Cory Quirino, Governor Gwen Garcia, CBM 2005 chair Francis Monera and Peri Jacalan, CBM committee chair on publicity and promotions during the 3-day Cebu More than the Usual Roadshow held at Glorietta Mall in Makati City last Feb. 24 to 26.



CBIG, PEOPLE'S BANK SIGN MOA

With 9 wholly owned affiliated banks operating in Luzon, Country Bankers Insurance Group of Companies and People's Bank Inc sealed a partnership in banking and insurance. The two big financial institutions have recently concluded a Memorandum of Agreement for a partnership making Country Bankers Insurance Group of Companies as the insurance providers to the People's Bank Inc clients. Shown are (from left): CBLIC business development officer Eric Falcon; CBLIC SAVP for marketing Cezar J. Opana; Peoples Bank Inc EVP and COO Felizardo J. Jamlang, Jr.; People's Bank board chair Conrado D. Sta. Ana and CBIG president, lawyer Ignacio A. Macrohon Jr.

Farming rediscovered

By Emmaruth Gabriel
Contributor

FIFTY-YEAR-OLD Rodrigo Martillano is one of many farmers who were forced out of their land in Camalig, Albay, because they could no longer earn enough from their farms.

Martillano earned just about P1,300-P1,400 from his backbreaking job of tilling a three-hectare property. Thus, he left Albay and moved to Laguna to literally seek greener pastures.

What greeted Martillano upon setting foot in Laguna was a different landscape.

Rapid industrialization had claimed most of the open lands in the area. Big corporations in land development had purchased hectares of land, which were transformed into economic or residential zones.

Farm lands were sold and snapped up by various developers in the areas.

The farmers, tempted by instant wealth, gave in to the offers to sell their land. Many ended up one-day millionaires.

There were other farmers, however, who decided to stick to farming. The Philippine Business for Social Progress is helping these farmers increase their income by introducing new technologies developed at the Center for Rural Technology Development (CRTD) in Calauan, Laguna.

The CRTD serves as a laboratory for testing, validating and disseminating technologies appropriate for lowland farming.

CRTD has been developing farming systems designed to optimize the use of land and bring up the yield so that the farmers can earn more.

CRTD, for instance, developed the Bukhay ("Bukid ng Buhay" or Farm of Life) farming system involving farm

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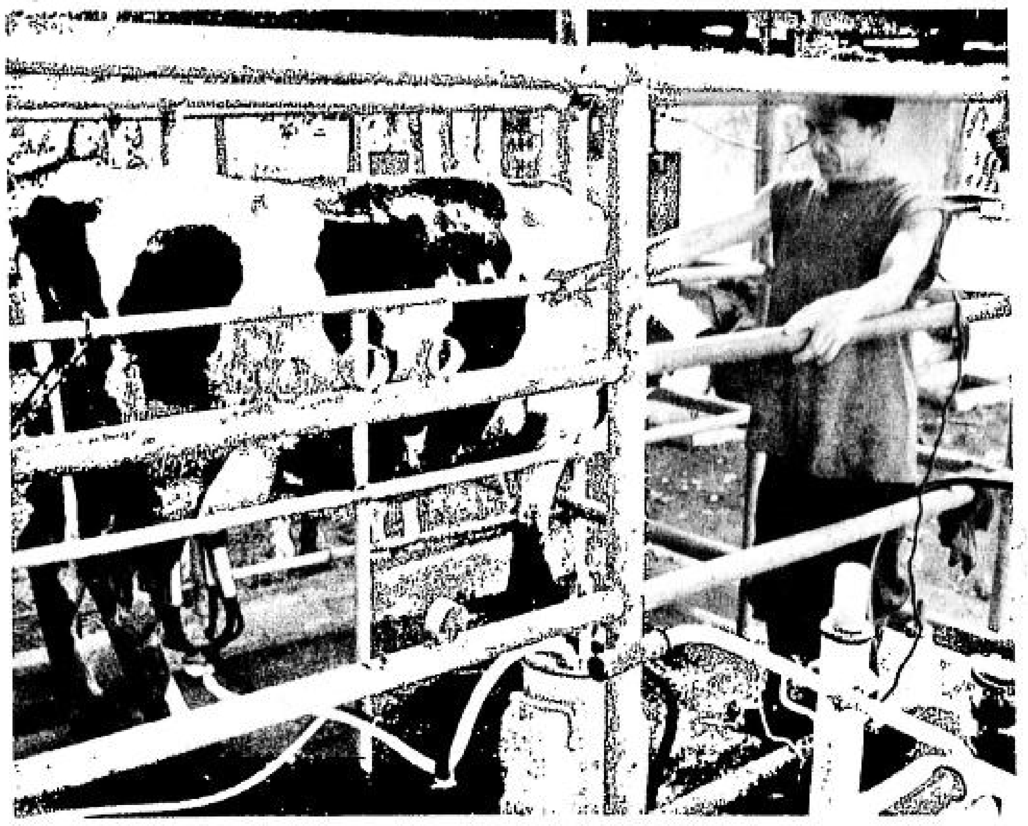

RODRIGO Martillano is no longer just a simple farmer, having learned new skills at the Center for Rural Technology Development.

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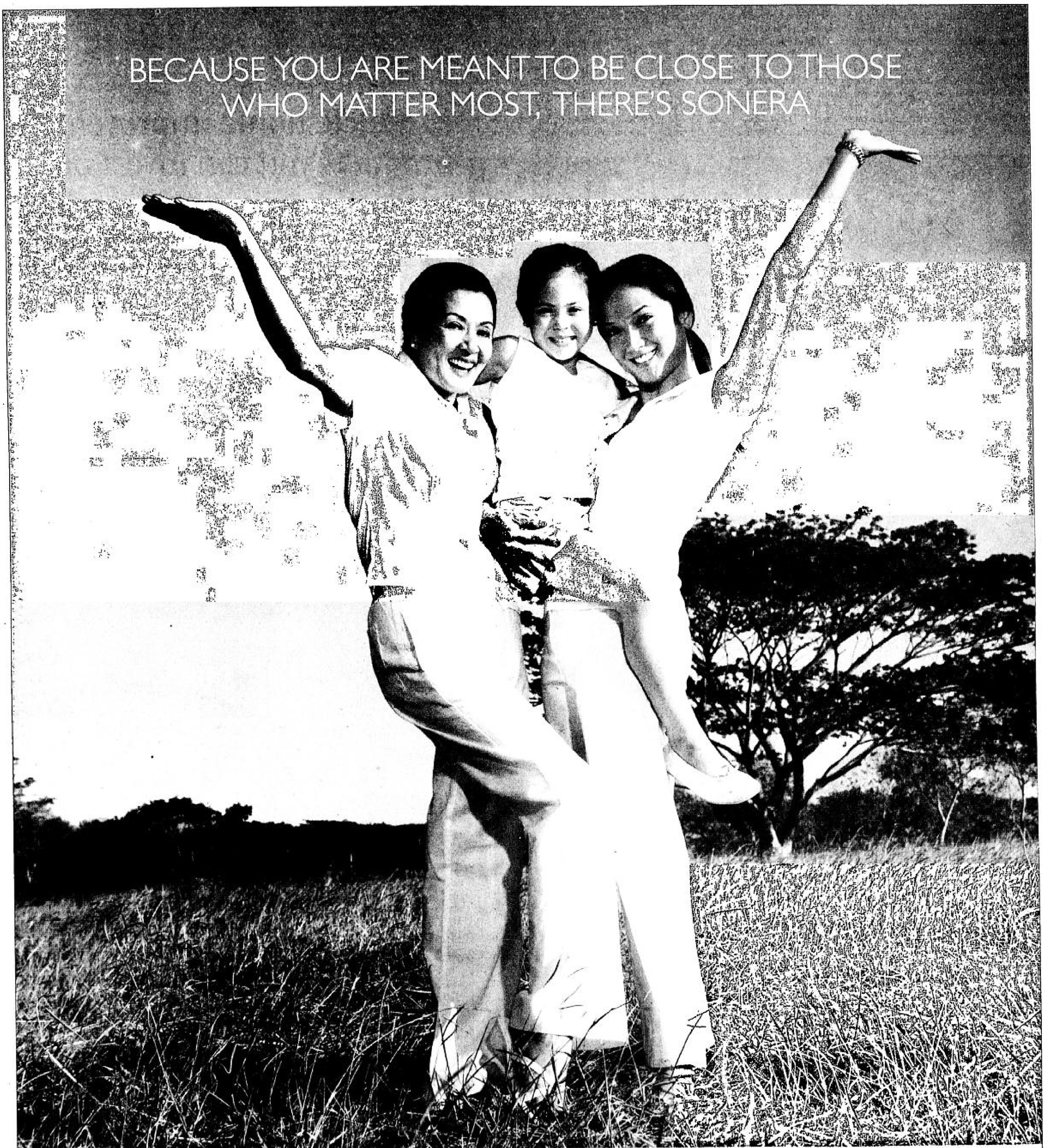
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Mobile, quick and friendly

Sony Ericsson's QuickShare, presented in Hannover, Germany, allows mobile users to send picture-perfect moments fast and easy

Text and photos by Anne A. Jambora

MOBILITY with style has never been more in demand.

But in this age of user-friendly technology, when every modern thingamajig is designed to affix human warmth to an otherwise detached gadget (photographs, for example), one mobile company goes beyond the industry standard by enabling consumers not just to share personal moments, but also to share them quick.

"QuickShare is all about making everything very, very simple. It automatically resizes the picture, and options for multimedia messages are just a click away. A couple more steps then I've sent it," says Steve Walker, vice president and head of marketing for Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications. His venue is the CeBit 2005 in Hannover, Germany, the annual global market for the latest in technology, participated by thousands of companies exhibiting and selling digital breakthroughs from cell phones to computers, from service providers to cameras, from PDAs to appliances, etc.

Through QuickShare, everything that needs to be adjusted in consideration of the receiver phone's capabilities is modified before each photo is sent. Hence, the MMS gets there really fast.

In the highly competitive industry of mobile phones, camera features have recently become the objects of obsession for all the major players. Is there, indeed, a battle of the pixels among camera phones? What is the truth beyond consumers' fixation on the numbers?

"It's very important to understand that it's not just the number of megapixels that matters. It's how you actually optimize the camera in the phone. We work very closely with Sony on that. If you compare our 1 megapixel with 1 megapixel from another company, you will see a very different picture quality. We have exceptionally sharp colors and details,"

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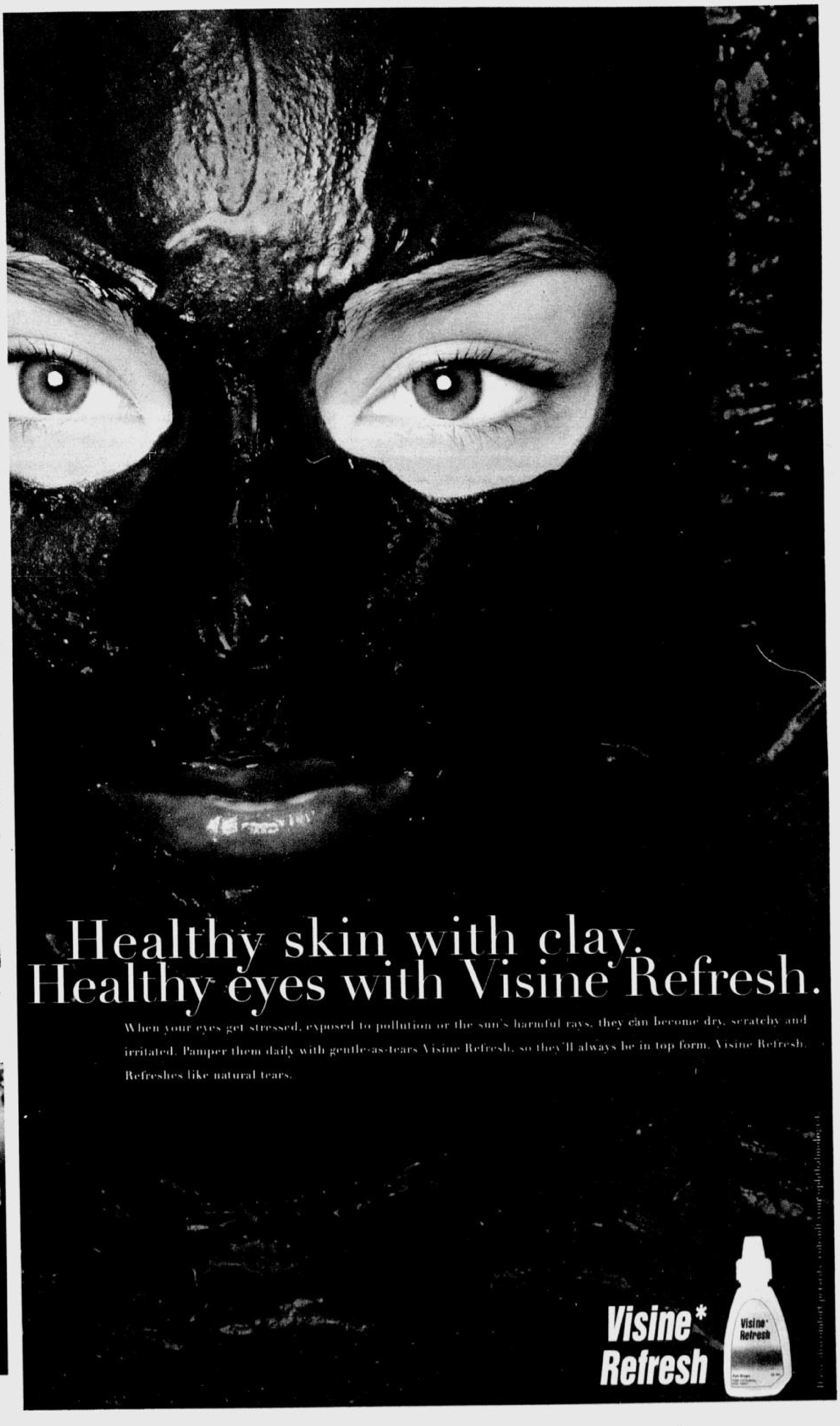
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GUESTS from the US media and the Filipino community with Philippine Ambassador to the United States Albert F. Del Rosario and Consul General Cecilia B. Rebong at the March 16th cocktail reception for Filipino-Americans in New York Media at the Kalayaan Hall of the Philippine Center

Pinoys make news in NY

Our 'kababayans' write and produce the stories that are read, or heard, all over the world

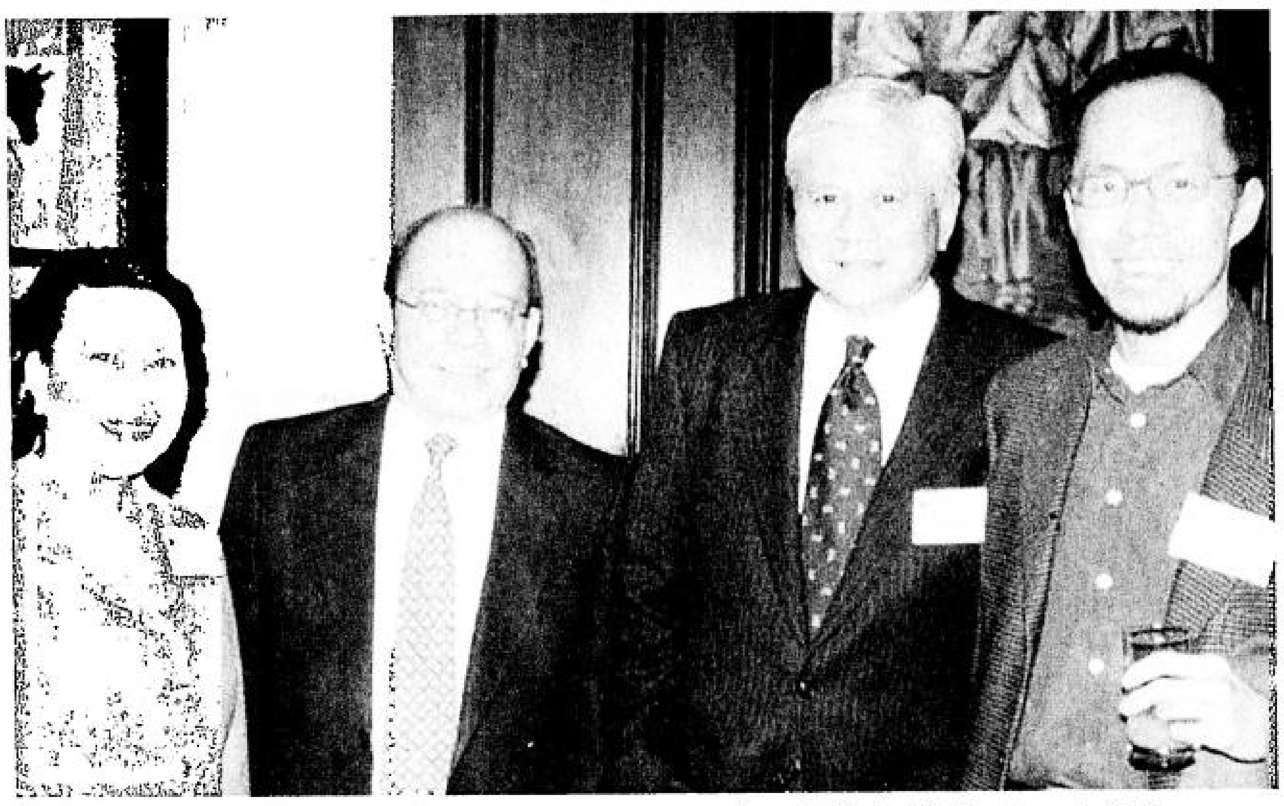
JULIE Danao, who will play Yoko Ono in the Broadway production "Lennon" in July, with Globe Capital Partners chair Joanne de Asis

By Carissa C. Villacorta
Contributor

NEW YORK—Filipino and Filipino-American professionals working in New York media companies met for the first time at a cocktail reception hosted recently by Consul General Cecilia B. Rebong at the Philippine Center in Manhattan.

Searching for Filipinos working in US media, the Consulate General found over 50 Filipinos and Filipino-Americans in such prestigious media outlets as CNN, Reuters, Associated Press, ABC-7, CBS-2, Bloomberg TV, MTV, CNBC, Time magazine, Newsweek, Businessweek, New York Times, Newsday, Barron's, Village Voice, Fortune magazine, People magazine, Rolling Stone magazine, Oprah magazine, ESPN-The Magazine, Elle Décor, Fairchild Publications and Conde Nast.

The media practitioners were joined by diplomats from the Philippine Embassy in Washington, D.C., the Philippine Consulate General in New York, the Offices of the Trade and Tourism Representatives, and the Philippine Mission to the United Nations. Editors of Filipino-American media and selected community leaders also attended the intimate celebration.



REUNION TIME. Consul General Rebong, permanent representative to the United Nations Lauro L. Baja Jr., Ambassador Del Rosario, and Howard Chua-Eoan, news director at Time magazine

Many Filipinos are aware that there's a sizeable presence of Filipino medical and health-care practitioners in the US. But they may not know that there is quite a number of Filipino professionals on the editorial board of leading international publishing and production companies. As the New York affair showed, the Filipinos who write, decide and report the news are definitely newsworthy themselves.

Philippine Ambassador Albert F. del Rosario, the guest of honor, briefed the media members on key developments in Philippine relations with the United States.

"Our discussions with the media guests were congenial and constructive," he said, adding that the achievements of the Filipino mediamen empower and give honor to the Fil-Am community and the country.

Former New Jersey Mayor Robert Rivas said it wouldn't be long before he'd cease being known as the first Filipino mayor in the Northeast region as more Filipinos become mayors in the US.

Connection

"Everyone in this room is connected by similar experiences, values, histories and aspirations," said Rebong. "In their current roles, our Filipino mainstream journalists have the avenues and capacities to help each other in their individual goals, as well as contribute to progress of the Filipino and the Philippines.

ABC-TV production assistant Monica dela Rosa said, "It was such a great event. I was happy to meet my fellow Filipinos in the industry."

When the evening ended, guests took home Philippine-inspired gift bags from Tatak Pilipino, a Filipino heritage store in New Jersey. The bag contained Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz's "You Know You're Filipino If...," a Philippine flag, dried mango treats, a Philippine trade and investment CD, and a tourist map of the Philippines.

The impact of the meeting will go beyond the walls of the Kalayaan Hall and the island of Manhattan.

In the end, one realizes that being Filipino reflects on everything a Filipino does, including journalism. And if Filipinos do their work with passion, integrity and responsibility, they give honor to themselves, their work and their country—even if they don't make the headline.

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LORELEI Marfil, editorial assistant at Conde Nast, with PDI contributor Beia Formoso

YOUNG newsmakers. New York writer Jonathan Chan, the author, and ABC-TV production assistant Monica de la Rosa

GERARD Cagayat, Michelle Carvajal and Will Chang of Associated Press, with MTV segment producer Azon Juan

GENEVIEVE Javellana and Luis Pedron

CHRIS Gajilan, medical producer at CNN; John Dioso, assistant managing editor at Rolling Stone magazine; and Cindy del Rosario-Tapan, associate editor at O, the Oprah magazine

WABC-TV news reporter Nina Pineda

BROADWAY.COM's Grace Hernandez

In their own words

Filipinos working in US media talk about their experiences and how they got their breaks

Chris Gajilan, producer, CNN Medical

On a very immediate level, being Filipino helped me early on in my career. Within my first year-and-a-half of working, I was able to work with former CNN correspondent Maria Ressa on the impeachment of President Estrada. Without my knowledge of the culture and the political climate, I wouldn't have been given the opportunity nor could have I done such an effective job at such a young age.

At CNN and during my college years, older Filipinos have always been eager to mentor me. In turn, I try to be a good mentor to younger Filipinos.

I wouldn't necessarily say [being Filipino has] been an advantage nor a disadvantage. I think it has made me a richer candidate because it makes the work environment more interesting and diverse.

John Dioso, assistant managing editor, Rolling Stone

I was inspired by my aunt, Tita Dioso Gillespie, who had been an editor at Newsweek for more than 20 years, to become a magazine editor. From childhood, I observed my aunt during her career as a book editor at Macmillan, then at Newsweek, then a brief stint at the UN's European headquarters, and then back to Newsweek.

When I was in college, I did a paper on the operations of a weekly newsmagazine and spent a late Saturday night with my aunt, watching how Newsweek did it. The work and the people I met, including the prize-winning author David Gates and various editors and writers, got me excited about journalism and magazines.

A couple of years later, while I was still in school, Tita got me a one-time assignment as a freelance proofreader at what was then US Magazine. Almost 15 years after that first freelance job and various full-time positions from copy editor to copy chief to associate managing editor to managing editor at almost every major and minor magazine publisher in New York City, I found myself the managing editor of what is now the US Weekly magazine. My stint there led directly to my job, down the hall, here at Rolling Stone.

Cindy del Rosario-Tapan, associate editor, O (Oprah magazine)

Working for Oprah magazine is a whirlwind. It's a mixture of deadlines, meetings, photo shoots, fashion coverage—it's great. I get to be involved in every stage of the editorial process here, and that's not only a blessing, it's fun!

Azon Juan, segment producer, MTV

I hope to contribute to the Filipino community, and other minority communities, by making sure that diverse cultures and traditions are represented in the shows that I work on at MTV. I hope that I can be an example and a mentor to other Filipinos who want to be in the media. Stories relevant to our community will get told if there are more Filipinos working behind the scenes, as writers, directors and producers.

Rene Pastor, deputy editor, commodities desk in a leading NY financial news agency

I'd have to say I found a niche in journalism by specializing in commodities journalism. Many people find it an esoteric subject. When I tell people what I do, they nod politely or give me a blank stare and then move to another topic.

Commodities is not as sexy as coups, earthquakes, corruption and other assorted disasters. I was asked to set up commodities coverage in Manila and got recognized for it. Then I moved on to Singapore as commodities correspondent covering the region and got further recognition during the Asian financial crisis of 1997. After that, I was assigned to New York until 1998.

I worked very hard in learning how to cover commodities, which essentially is farm or agricultural journalism. It's about being persistent and adjusting to a new field of writing. My background in political and general news was very useful because disasters always have an impact on commodity journalism.

Yvette Fernandez Ferreol, segment producer, Bloomberg Broadcast News

I think Filipinos can definitely be newsmakers of the world if they work hard to excel... to be the best they can possibly be in whatever line of work they choose. They must have a burning passion for their work, a strong desire to achieve. They don't need to look for the media... the media will find them. The news hogs who actually look for the media themselves will be shunned.

Will Chang, senior reporter, Associated Press

A great journalist is someone who can tell a story in a great way, using facts, figures and language to paint a picture, and to draw in his or her audience.

Nina Pineda, reporter, WABC-TV

My advice to Fil-Ams in media is to recognize and take on the responsibility of being an ethnic journalist. Minorities are under-represented in America's newsrooms. Work harder to be better, to be a voice for people who don't have one. Don't ever compromise your professionalism and integrity. Trust me, I see evidence of lazy journalism every day.

Most importantly, realize all news is local. Whether you write for a small weekly or report on the nightly news, if you succeed at telling people's stories, accurately, fairly but above all, with heart. You set the stage for neighborhood stories which matter to everyone.

I work at WABC-TV, it's the No. 1 station in the No. 1 market. But it was never my goal to get here. I was happy reporting in Pittsburgh, my hometown, because I made it my goal to be involved.

Contacts and great stories come from the least likely places, people that stop you in the grocery store or at the post office often have more compelling tales than any "source." So remember success is what you make it, be happy and satisfied wherever you are on the ladder to wherever you want to be, that self-satisfaction will show and will propel you wherever you want to go!

Tempted but scared

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

She began thinking about having an affair herself, hoping this would dull the hurt her husband caused

DEAR EMILY,

I've been married 27 years and I thought my marriage was made in heaven. My husband and I got along very well. We were great partners—both professionally and personally.

But I was wrong. I found out recently that, for the past 15 years, he had a mistress and they had a 4-year-old son. I was so hurt.

But my unfaithful husband asked for a second chance and told me I was the only woman he loved and the other woman was a mistake—the affair something he regretted. He assured me the affair was over and he wanted to spend the rest of his life with me and our children. I took him back.

I suspect though that the affair is not really over because I often catch him lying about his whereabouts. I began thinking about having an affair myself, just like in the Meryl Streep-Clint Eastwood movie. I thought this would dull the hurt he caused.

Out of the blue came an old suitor from high school. He has separated from his wife and his children live with her abroad. That one meeting was followed by several more, and now we are in constant communication.

This man really listens to me—something my husband never did. He makes me feel I am the most important person in his life and drops whatever he's doing just to see me. He wants more than friendship. Though I want to give my husband a dose of his own medicine, I am afraid of the consequences of having an affair. But I am also afraid of losing this man.

I needed him to forget what my unfaithful husband did to me.

CONFUSED WIFE

There's no point in taking your husband back if you will constantly doubt his words or question his whereabouts anyway. You might as well kiss your sanity goodbye if you don't change your mindset and continue torturing yourself that way.

Wow! That's terrible battering for your psyche!

Either you reconcile completely with your husband—and start a new life with him—or, separate temporarily from him and see how you two will fare without each other.

You may remain friends with the other guy but, for your peace of mind, you shouldn't even contemplate the A word. How can you, when just thinking about it already has your conscience asking a myriad "what ifs"?

Remind this friend gently that you're in a state of flux and what you need most at this time is a friend—not a lover.

It is his problem if his mind sees you already in a wedding gown and he in a tux! But first things first.

Iron out the kinks in this chapter of your marriage before plunging on to the next. Shape up or ship out. Less wrinkles on the face that way.

Un-funny Valentine

I'm 31 years old and I've been married for almost two years. My problem started last month, Valentine's Day, when my wife decided to end our relationship because she said she needed space, she missed being single, and she missed being out with her friends.

We got married in a hurry because I got her pregnant. We went steady only for nine months. I admit I wasn't even sure of how I felt about her then but, coming from a broken family, I didn't want the child to be born without a father.

Unfortunately, she had a miscarriage and the baby was stillborn in her second pregnancy.

When we got married we lived separately at first. I was a medical rep stationed in Laguna while she was in Mindoro. I saw her as often as I could. I put up a canteen for her.

But we both knew the setup wasn't doing our marriage good, so I resigned from my job and thought of concentrating on our little business. When I finally joined her, all of a sudden she was cold to me.

She said she didn't want to be married to me anymore. I knew then that she was already involved with another man.

I left for Manila and applied for a job in Dubai. I want our separation papers finalized before I leave. Now, my problem is I don't have money anymore after spending all my savings to prepare my documents as an overseas Filipino worker.

I was told that if anything happened to me, all my benefits would go to my wife. I don't want that to happen. Can I write a letter stating we are not connected with each other anymore?

I want to move on, find a deserving woman and have a child who will bear my name.

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It is very important that you consult a lawyer before you leave. What you heard about your wife getting everything is true. The law is clear on benefits due her and does not make a distinction whether she's been a good or bad wife.

If you don't do it now, your worst fear will come true. Beg, steal or borrow to untangle this legal knot. Hire a lawyer to file a separation of assets ASAP. This will immediately announce to one and all that you and your wife are not connected anymore in that most delicate facet of marriage—money!

Check if those lawyers who do pro-bono work every Saturday in Malacañang are still doing it. I understand they're legal eagles who are more than willing to help those in need of legal assistance.

And I'm telling you kid, you are!

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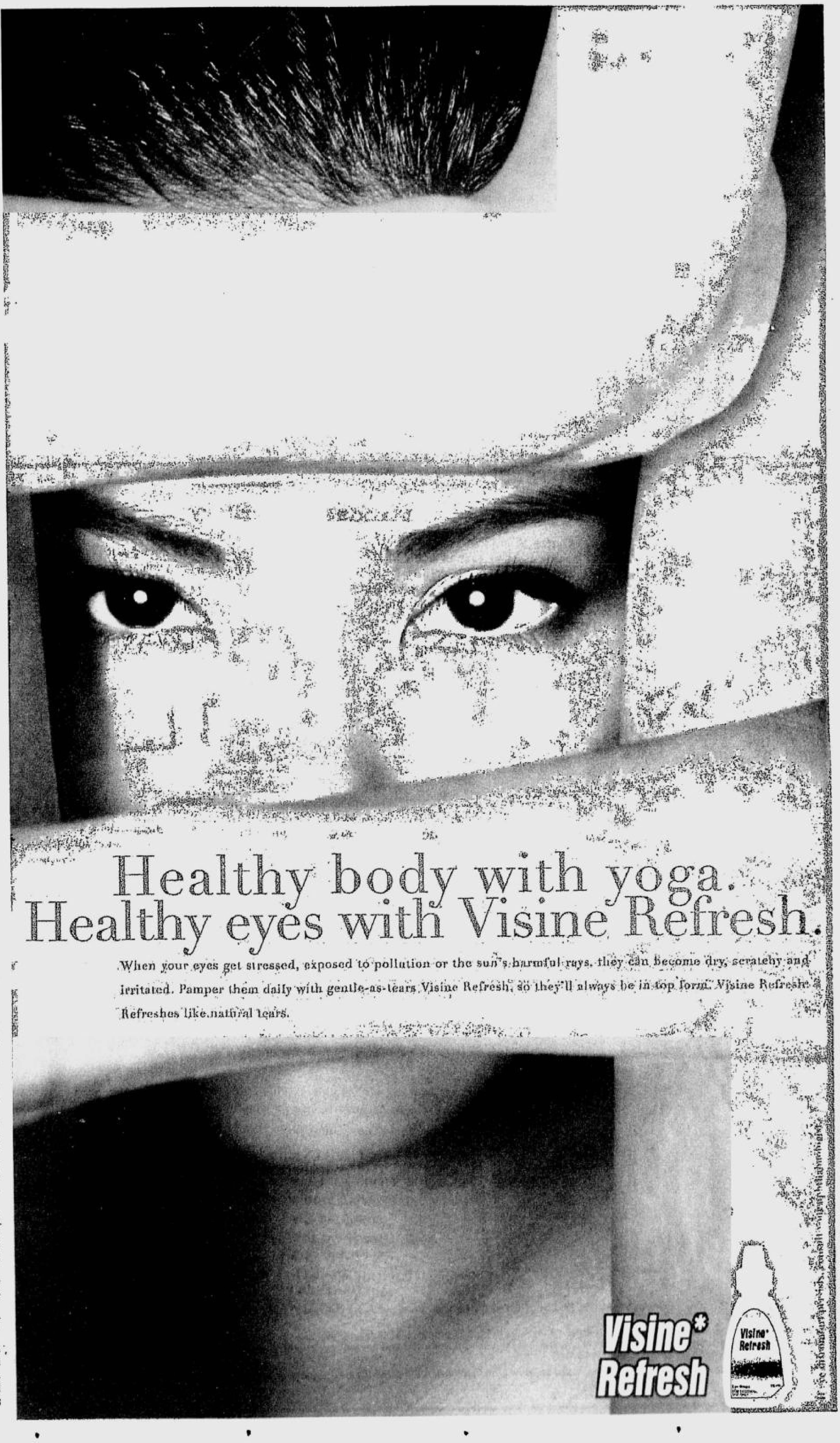
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TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

BEING young and restless during summer is a frozen memento in our memories. Who can forget lounging on the powder-white sand of Boracay beach in the skimpiest bikini while sipping piña colada? And utter bliss means we only get memorably thinner as time goes by.

Unfortunately, time does pass by too quickly and reality bites in the form of a plus-sized figure with a fuller, sarong-covered behind walking briskly on the beach and sipping a Coke Light. Being more mature (a more dramatic way to say old) and weighing more (a kinder way to say fat) during summer can make it the wrong season for many of us, especially when we see the firm, sexy, bikini-tanned bodies of those youthful babes that inhabit the pages of INQUIRER Super! and 2bU!

Over the Lenten break, it seems like half of Manila's young urbanites headed to Bora, partying in the beach until 8 or 9 in the morning! I know for sure some of the affairs did last that long because my fave blond, party reporter Tim Yap, stayed on hours past sunrise, enjoying the beauty of the island—and his friends as well.

With zero post-tsunami tension, this beach became the ultimate holiday destination. Oh, to be younger—that age when one is fearless and so energetic that partying all night on the beach is a no-brainer! Nowadays, the closest I get to the water is the pool of the Manila Polo Club where I do my laps to keep my sugar level reasonable. Thanks to my new swimsuits, especially made by Ketty Estrella (for custom-made suits, call 0917-5330260), I look like a pretty whale floating back and forth in the water.

> Utter bliss means we only get memorably thinner as time goes by

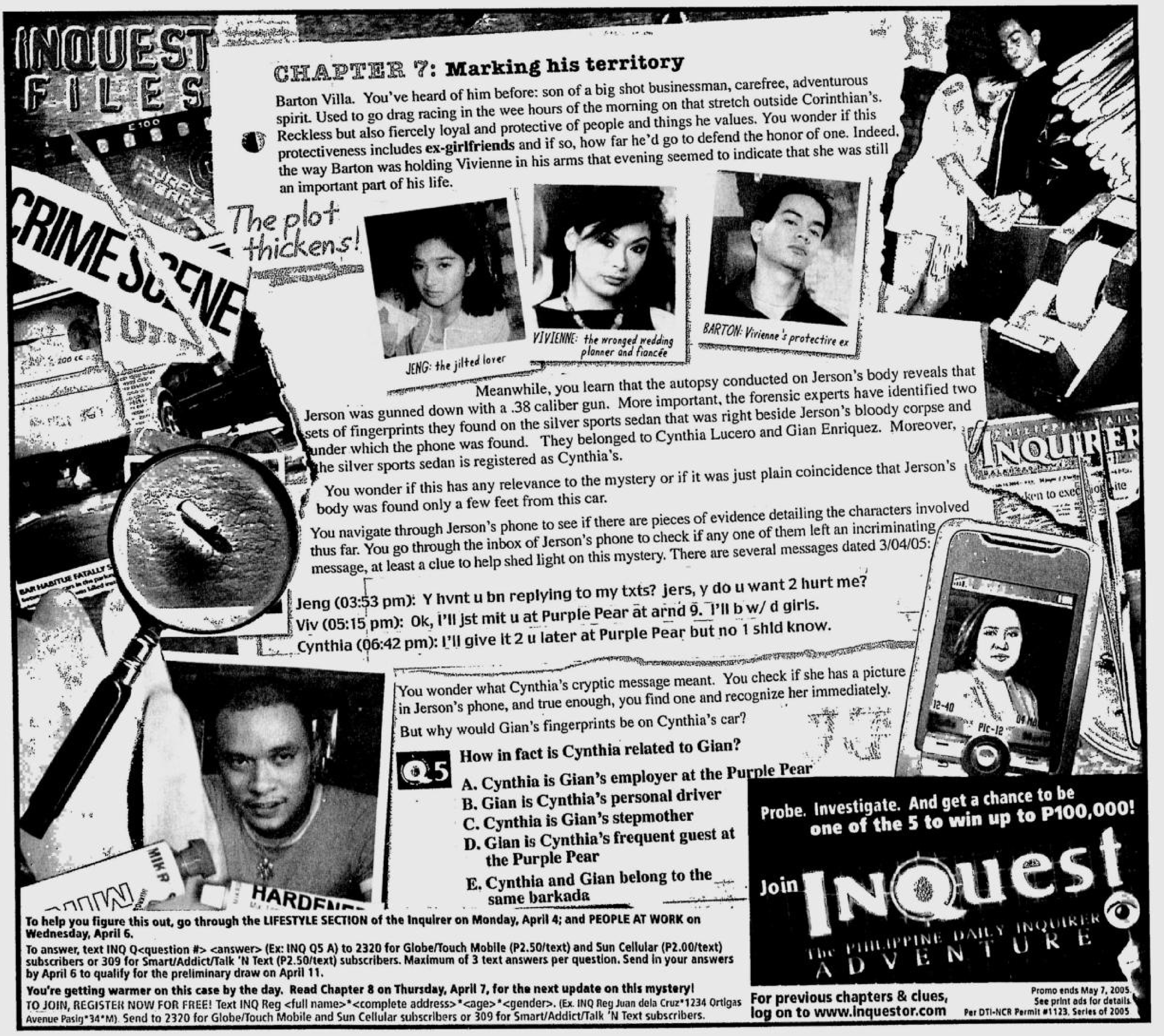
New cologne

Summer is the perfect time to launch anything that is youth-related. And thus enter a new cologne, Candice. Last month, at a dance shindig and chic fashion show at the Loft in Rockwell, this hip splash-on with its seven variants was introduced. The event kicked off with a dazzling performance by Planet Zip, showing off their Capoiera skills, and riveting fire dance.

Candice Cologne owner **Monique Daez** is an aggressive entrepreneur and an amazing woman. She has launched her product at reasonable prices so her target market can afford it and she has made it available at quite a number of leading drugstores and supermarkets. Even more amazing about her is that she is single-handedly raising her eight children after the unfortunate death of her husband, Leo, a couple of years ago. My three kids are already a handful, but eight deserves a medal and a winning lottery ticket.

WINNER of Dance Showdown Company of Ateneo Dancers (CADS) with Monique Paez, owner of Candice Cologne

SMART AMP endorser Mateo Guidicelli (in red) awards winners.



CHAPTER 7: Marking his territory

Barton Villa. You've heard of him before: son of a big shot businessman, carefree, adventurous spirit. Used to go drag racing in the wee hours of the morning on that stretch outside Corinthian's. Reckless but also fiercely loyal and protective of people and things he values. You wonder if this protectiveness includes **ex-girlfriends** and if so, how far he'd go to defend the honor of one. Indeed, the way Barton was holding Vivienne in his arms that evening seemed to indicate that she was still an important part of his life.

Meanwhile, you learn that the autopsy conducted on Jerson's body reveals that Jerson was gunned down with a .38 caliber gun. More important, the forensic experts have identified two sets of fingerprints they found on the silver sports sedan that was right beside Jerson's bloody corpse and under which the phone was found. They belonged to Cynthia Lucero and Gian Enriquez. Moreover, the silver sports sedan is registered as Cynthia's.

You wonder if this has any relevance to the mystery or if it was just plain coincidence that Jerson's body was found only a few feet from this car.

You navigate through Jerson's phone to see if there are pieces of evidence detailing the characters involved thus far. You go through the inbox of Jerson's phone to check if any one of them left an incriminating message, at least a clue to help shed light on this mystery. There are several messages dated 3/04/05:

Jeng (03:53 pm): Y hvnt u bn replying to my txts? jers, y do u want 2 hurt me?
Viv (05:15 pm): Ok, I'll jst mit u at Purple Pear at arnd 9. I'll b w/ d girls.
Cynthia (06:42 pm): I'll give it 2 u later at Purple Pear but no 1 shld know.

You wonder what Cynthia's cryptic message meant. You check if she has a picture in Jerson's phone, and true enough, you find one and recognize her immediately.

But why would Gian's fingerprints be on Cynthia's car?

Q5 **How in fact is Cynthia related to Gian?**

A. Cynthia is Gian's employer at the Purple Pear
B. Gian is Cynthia's personal driver
C. Cynthia is Gian's stepmother
D. Gian is Cynthia's frequent guest at the Purple Pear
E. Cynthia and Gian belong to the same barkada

To help you figure this out, go through the LIFESTYLE SECTION of the Inquirer on Monday, April 4; and PEOPLE AT WORK on Wednesday, April 6.

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You're getting warmer on this case by the day. Read Chapter 8 on Thursday, April 7, for the next update on this mystery!

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SEEN at the launch, George and Teresa Goduco, and Ana and Noel Singson

MTV VJs Sarah Meier, KC Montero, Cindy Kurleto and Marc Abaya

MTV VJ Hunt winners Nicole Fonacier, Claire Olivar, Colby Miller and Don Puno

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LANCÔME Team: Christine Wang, Sobee Duenas, Apple Morales, Zerl Chan and Alex Santos

THE 2005 MTV VJ HUNT finalists

BARBI Chan gets her own Skin Diagnos from Lancôme International trainer Christine Wang.

New VJs

From challenges like these, God somehow channels positive energies and creates avenues for growth. For Monique, this cologne has indeed brought her back to the mainstream of life. For **Nicole Fonacier**, winning a slot in this year's MTV VJ Hunt has proven that no challenge is big enough if one is determined and focused.

At the 2005 MTV VJ Hunt Finals Night, where I was one of the judges, Nicole became the first-ever, plus-sized VJ proving that "big is beautiful" and that real people with dynamic personalities do come in different shapes and sizes. From the usual crop of pretty, half-Pinoy, half-Aussie (or whatever Caucasian ethnic parental combination), we chose a very interesting combination of winners from the 16 semi-finalists, all of whom were so confident and vibrant. At that age, I don't think I was as determined as these candidates, all able to speed-talk and still make sense. I grew up watching MTV and I know VJs need to be both quick and witty.

During the final deliberation, co-judges **Celine Lopez** and **Mia Fausto**, who both deal with the GenX population, said that maybe this latest VJ set could be different from the present, cookie-cutter VJs—hence, not necessarily the prettiest, sexiest, most handsome or tallest would win. Since MTV is the cutting-edge of music TV, the big bosses agreed with the majority of the judges, and we chose the ones with the most unique personalities.

Aside from **Colby Miller** (the equally witty, younger brother of veteran VJ **KC Montero**), the other winners are all 100 percent Pinoy! Petite, young college freshman **Claire Olivar** has that girl-next-door look and loves to dance. The "cool geek" of the group, **Don Puno**, is the fourth winner who will surely make waves with his intelligent but slapstick humor and dead-on impersonations of Hollywood actors and cartoon characters.

Seeing all the current VJs with killer figures and long limbs as they performed the opening musical number, I felt like a Mother Hen that evening. Even ex-VJ and new mom **Donita Rose** still looked so young and radiant—even if she is considered as one of the older, veteran VJs. And I don't think she even grew up on "Soul Train" or "Dance Fever"!

Skin spotlight

From that recent realization, I have become conscious of trying to suspend time by preserving whatever beauty assets I still currently have. Upon the invitation of **Celine Gabriel** of L'Oreal, I had my skin analyzed at the Lancôme counter in Rustan's Makati. With a bit of hesitation and knowing the fact that fine lines and wrinkles come with age, I agreed to have an analysis using Diagnos Expert, Lancôme's latest skin diagnosis system.

This most precise cosmetic machine has two different cameras that magnify skin up to 60 times (my pores and wrinkles were horrifically exposed on the screen) and three sensors to detect the different properties of skin (my combination skin needed major hydration and the firmness level was just on the borderline). And I thought I was glowing just because I am expecting a girl!

It's science meets beauty! Amazing what new technology is capable of. Each session ends with a personalized skin routine recommendation according to your needs, so do rush to the Lancôme counter at Rustan's Makati and Shangri-La Plaza for the free analysis. The truth may hurt but it's never too late to be vain and spend a few more minutes on the whole beauty routine. And as they say, an ounce of prevention is better than a pound of… foundation makeup?

Enjoy summer, whatever age you are. Just remember to apply sunblock because once a wrinkle appears, it stays there forever.

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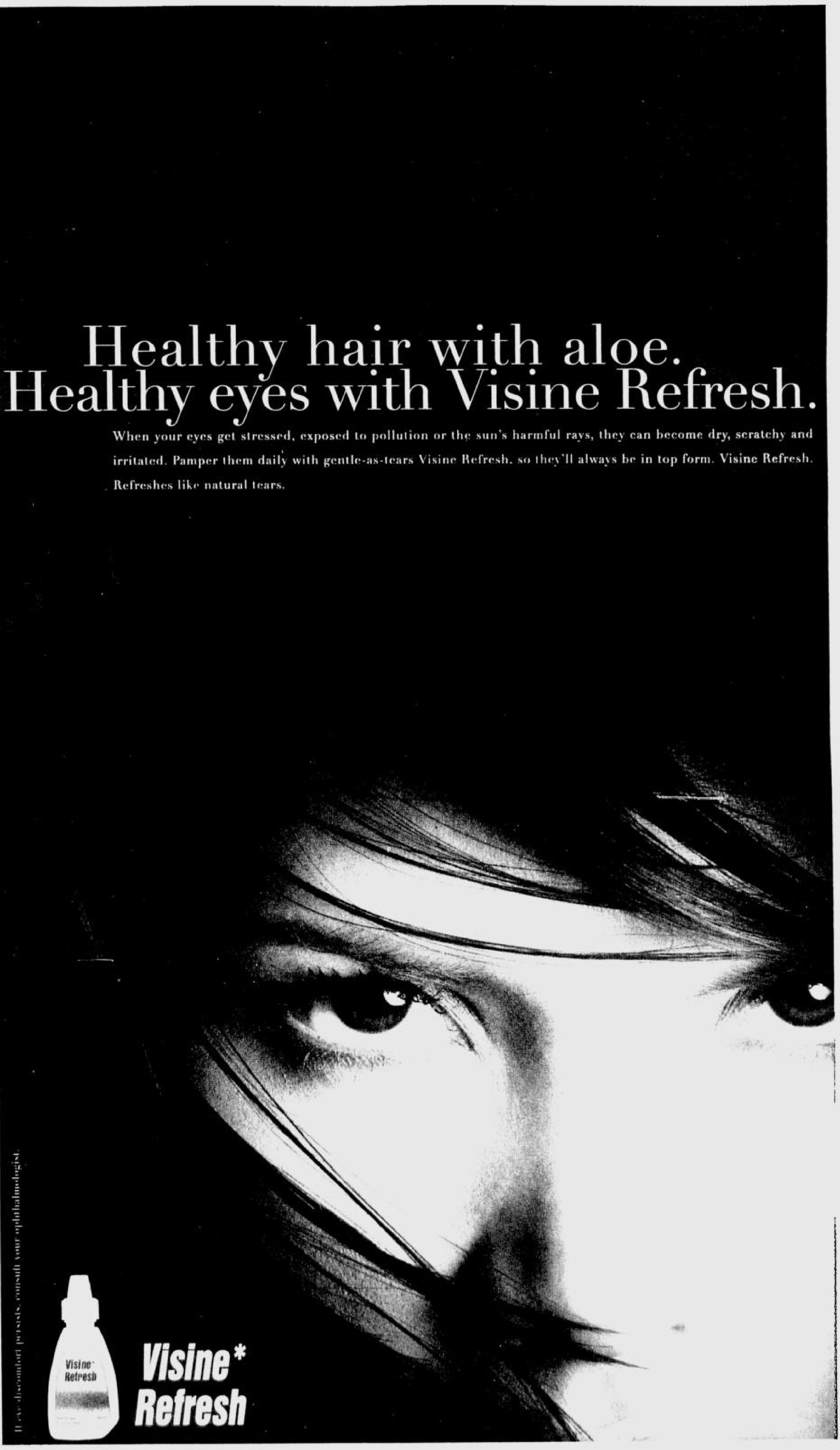
CAPOIERA/Fire Dancers at Candice Cologne launch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Walker says.

Camera phones boasting of, say, 7 megapixels, are not really phones, Walker says. He says they are extremely large, making them more like a camera than a phone. They are expensive as well, geared for countries like Japan or Korea that can afford them.

Small and slim

Walker says it is important for mobile cam phones to be slim and small enough to fit into the pocket.

They need to be small, lightweight with exceptionally good battery life to support their extra features, he adds, since people move around carrying the device. Sony Ericsson, in fact, has come up with a highly advanced 2 megapixel cam phone—with red-eye reduction, autofocus, macro, digital zoom, white balance, among others—without compromising the phone's functions.

"All of those things are extremely important to us that's why we won't build-in some very advanced functions that will make the size of the device unreasonable or that will make for poor battery life. We don't think that's the right compromise," he says. "Even though we're building more advanced features into the phone, we'res still focused on getting the basics right."

Another handiphone feature that's all the rage now is music capability. With the technological advantage courtesy of music specialist Sony Corp., Sony Ericsson will soon come out with the world's first Walkman phone, an eye-candy music phone that can store MP3 files for up to 150 music tracks.

"This is the first real music phone. Imaging and music are the real focus for us right now, and you will see more and more of our products having these abilities," Walker says.

While imaging and music have become the focus for Sony Ericsson phones, and talks of adding TV functions are already brewing in from industry insiders, Walker says the most important function is still very basic: It is first and foremost a phone. By keeping the functions of the phone superior—outstanding screen resolution, compact size, lightweight, long battery life and cool designs—they are able to integrate extra features more readily, he says.

Walker says one of the most important things in all handheld devices is the design. Cell phones are no longer just practical tools. "People actually love to own the devices," Walker says.

Balance

While they naturally have to observe their competitors' designs, Walker says Sony Ericsson's design direction is unique to the company, always aiming to strike a balance between design and function.

The camera phone, for instance, when in cam mode, is held exactly the way one would hold a real camera. Anyone who has held a real camera before will find taking pictures with Sony Ericsson completely natural: Hold it with both hands, press the shutter and that's it.

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THE W800i, the first real music phone

KIDS signing up for a chance to win funky mobile phones from Sony Ericsson

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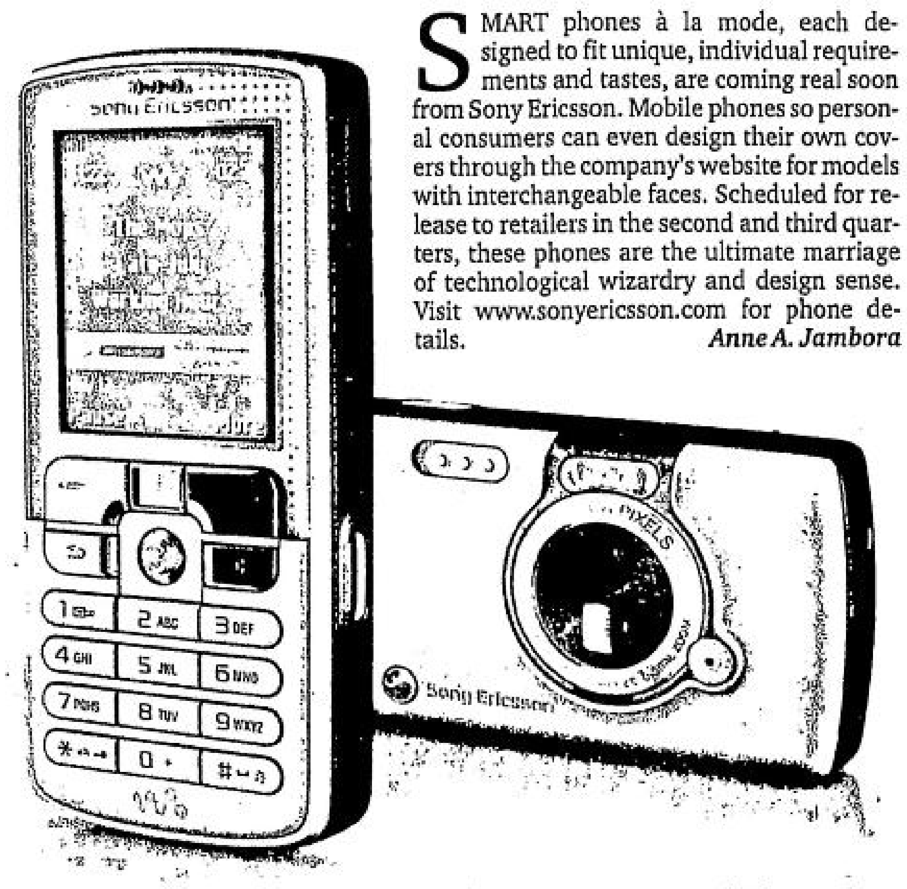
Call of the chic

SMART phones à la mode, each designed to fit unique, individual requirements and tastes, are coming real soon from Sony Ericsson. Mobile phones so personal consumers can even design their own covers through the company's website for models with interchangeable faces. Scheduled for release to retailers in the second and third quarters, these phones are the ultimate marriage of technological wizardry and design sense. Visit www.sonyericsson.com for phone details.

Anne A. Jambora

Whatever your lifestyle, Sony Ericsson is set to match it with a state-of-the art mobile phone

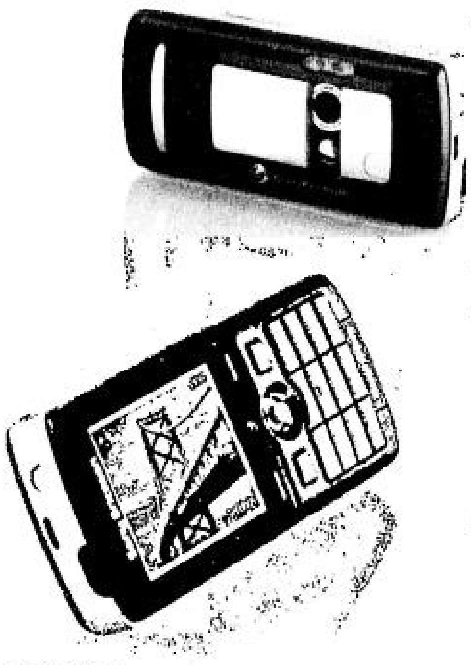


W800i

A serious contender in the digital music market, this triband phone is Sony's Walkman mobile music heritage. Comes with a CD ripping software to move your fave music into the mobile quick and easy. Storage capacity is up to 150 music tracks, or 10-12 full length CDs from your collection. Box comes with Sony quality stereo headphones. You'll never miss a call when listening to music since the phone ring will be played through the headphones. Battery life extends to a full 15 hours when playing music, and 30 when on standby. With FM radio, accessories for external hi-fi speakers and car stereos are also available. It is also equipped with a 2 megapixel camera for excellent picture quality or video recording. Connectivity includes Infrared port, Bluetooth, GPRS, High Speed Data, USB support, Synchronization PC, etc.

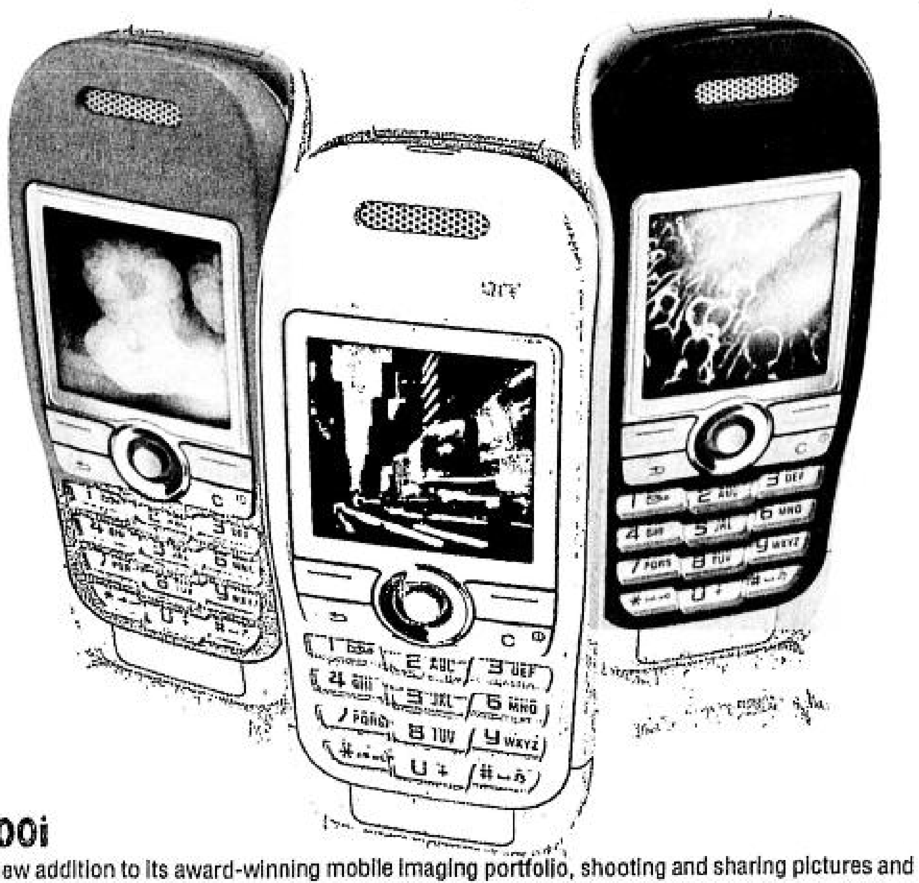
K600i

Delivers the full performance and possibilities of 3G networks, including high-quality video telephony, a 1.3 megapixel camera and fast download in a sleek, good-looking aluminum design. This is a slim 3G style. Dual front makes the handset vertical when it's a phone, and horizontal when it's a camera. Handling video calls is just a few clicks via the direct video telephony. Images are crisp and clear with its large, 1.8-inch, 262.000 color TFT screen. The high-quality audio with FM radio has the ability to import full track music downloads direct to the phone.



K750i

Following the success of last year's S700i, this 2 megapixel camera phone has superb color reproduction for printing, sharing and viewing. Built with the colossal imaging know-how of its parent company Sony Corp., it now boasts of autofocus, 4x digital zoom, red-eye reduction and an intuitive user interface. Extra accessories such as PhoneFlash MXE-60 makes it possible to take sharp photos in the dark from several meters away. When printing, photos can be sent wirelessly through a Bluetooth printer. Comes with easy-to-use image editing PC software. Create multiple albums through its sizable photo library, add effects and send e-mail anywhere in the world. Internal 32 MB memory holds nearly 100 full-sized pictures, and an external memory slot that accepts Memory Stick Duo up to 2 gig can store up to 6,000 images. A 64 MB Memory Stick Duo comes with the box. With integrated mp3 player and FM radio. Comes in black and silver covers.

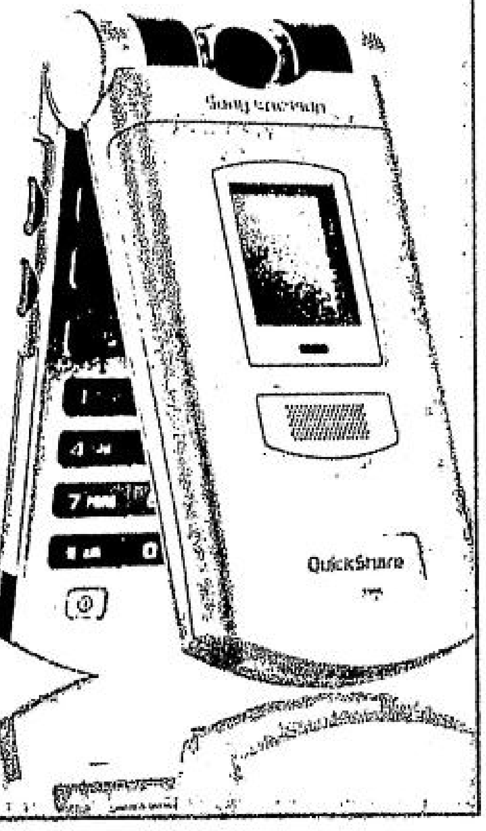


K300i

A new addition to its award-winning mobile imaging portfolio, shooting and sharing pictures and video will now be available to more people with this entry-level camera phone. Dual front design, classic styling and a choice of colors makes this an ideal first step imaging phone. It can double as a video and photo album with 12 MB onboard memory that can store 120 10-second video clips or 500 VGA images. With built-in speakerphone, PC synchronization and personal information management. Useful accessories include Car Hands Free, with Quick Install Car Kit. In visual blue or smooth silver.

J300i

For the fashionista and young at heart, this hot mobile phone with cool entertainment features is slim and curvy, with 3D gaming engine and easy downloads of video clips, games and ringtones at entry-level price. In pink, black or white, consumers can further personalize covers with Style-up accessories in many designs. Fast processing, high-quality screen resolution, superior sound and 12 MB onboard memory makes this an all-around entertainment center. Compose ringtones, create wallpapers and restyle the phone according to mood, fashion or personal taste. Music files can be downloaded for ringtones, as well as movie clips of movie trailers and music videos.



Z800i

Stylish, clam-shell 3G phone, for heavy mobile users who appreciate efficiency and style, taking full advantage of new services by mobile broadband networks, such as video telephony, music and video streaming and download. Works with high-speed UTMS mobile networks. May be used as a broadband modem for laptap to access e-mail, Internet browsing and Intranet, and Internet and e-mail access on the go. Comes with 64 MB Memory Stick Duo and supports up to 1 gig Memory Stick PRO Duo. Effortless high-quality mobile imaging is possible through 1.3 megapixel multidirectional Motion Eye rotating camera, with 4x digital zoom and photo light. Also comes with stereo handsfree and supports mp3, AAC and M4A file formats, with Mega Bass to boot.

ROB-1

The Bluetooth controlled camera that moves around freely, steered wirelessly by the joystick or keypad on the mobile phone. See on your mobile screen exactly what ROB-1 is looking at, and capture these images through your phone the way you would a normal photo. Can rove around for a distance of up to 50 meters from the phone user, streaming video along the way. Agile and flexible through its three wheels and spherical shape, it can move forward, backward, look around corners, pivot on the spot or tilt the camera 70 degrees upward and 20 degrees downward. With ultra bright light on the front allows shots at dark spaces. This fun, new toy is Limited edition, available on the third quarter.

Mobile...

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"We get a lot of expertise from Sony engineering, so we have practically thought through everything before deciding on a design and function," he says.

The graphic menus and joysticks have been receiving many praises from both reviewers and consumers alike, and have aided in producing easy-to-navigate menus, submenus, folders and subfolders. So adjusting from one brand to Sony Ericsson is always a breeze.

Quality is very important for their young company, Walker says. As with other companies that have merged, Sony Ericsson has been focusing to establish a whole new line. After only over three years, people are becoming aware of the brand and what the company stands for, he says.

"We are very confident in our capability. We have turned the company around to a profitable company," he notes. What's important, too, is that Sony Ericsson has received good feedback from users and retailers.

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CELL phones are no longer just practical tools but have become status symbols.

SONY Ericsson technical experts assisting prospective buyers at the CeBit 2005 in Hannover, Germany

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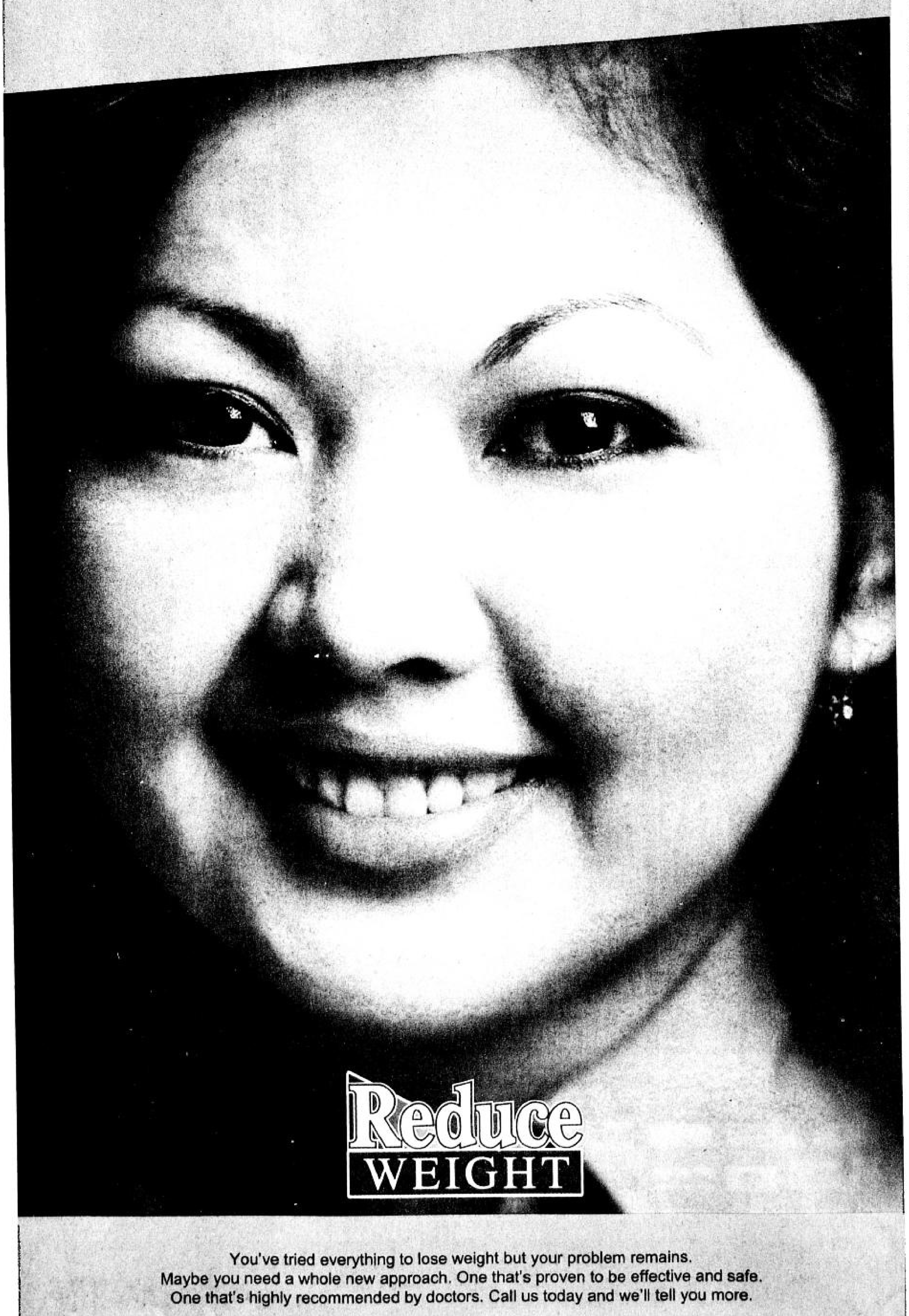

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85% of PNP "Reduce Weight Program" participants successfully lose weight

85% of police officers enrolled in the weight reduction program of the Philippine National Police reported significant success after a month of exercise, diet and medical treatment.

Out of the 65 active participants of the program, 55 reported positive results based on improved body mass index measurements.

The successful participants lost an average of 2 pounds per week, which is the doctor-recommended healthy weight loss progress.

Traditionally known to have potbellies, the police officers who joined the program expressed satisfaction that their waistline significantly decreased after a month's effort to reduce weight.

SPO3 Ranny Rañada from the TMG Motor Division of the Philippine National Police shares how the shift from big motorcycles to sports bikes changed how he sees himself and his performance on duty.

"I used to ride bikes bigger than me in thief chases or political escorts. It was only until I reduced weight significantly that I began to shift riding from big bikes to sports bikes and realized the enjoyment of feeling lighter and looking better," Rañada said in an interview. SPO3 Rañada is among the satisfied participants in the PNP Reduce Weight Program that aims to address the challenges of weight reduction and maintenance for members of our national police force.

"I lost 11 pounds and 8 inches of waist circumference in a month," said SPO3 Rañada. "My boss is happy about it. My wife is happy about it. I am happy about it."

Under the supervision of PNP Director General Arturo Lomibao, the PNP is undertaking this campaign in partnership with Abbott Laboratories to facilitate and assist PNP participants in a medically supervised, three-point weight reduction program.

Exercise and diet

The program combines the traditional exercise and diet regimen with Pharmacotherapy – a weight reduction medication manufactured and distributed by Abbott laboratories.

Dr. Alexander Co, police senior inspector of PNP Health Service, explained that aside from exercise and diet, the use of Pharmacotherapy plays a crucial role in the initial success of the reduce weight program of the national police.

"The program strictly follows a consistent regimen of healthy diet, physical activity, supported by medical treatment," said Dr. Co.

The weight reduction program participants undergo a bi-weekly, one-hour class on aerobic marathon and Taebo.

In support of this exercise, Abbott also gives the policemen a series of lectures on how to control their eating habits by choosing a low calorie diet.

'Shaping up' the police

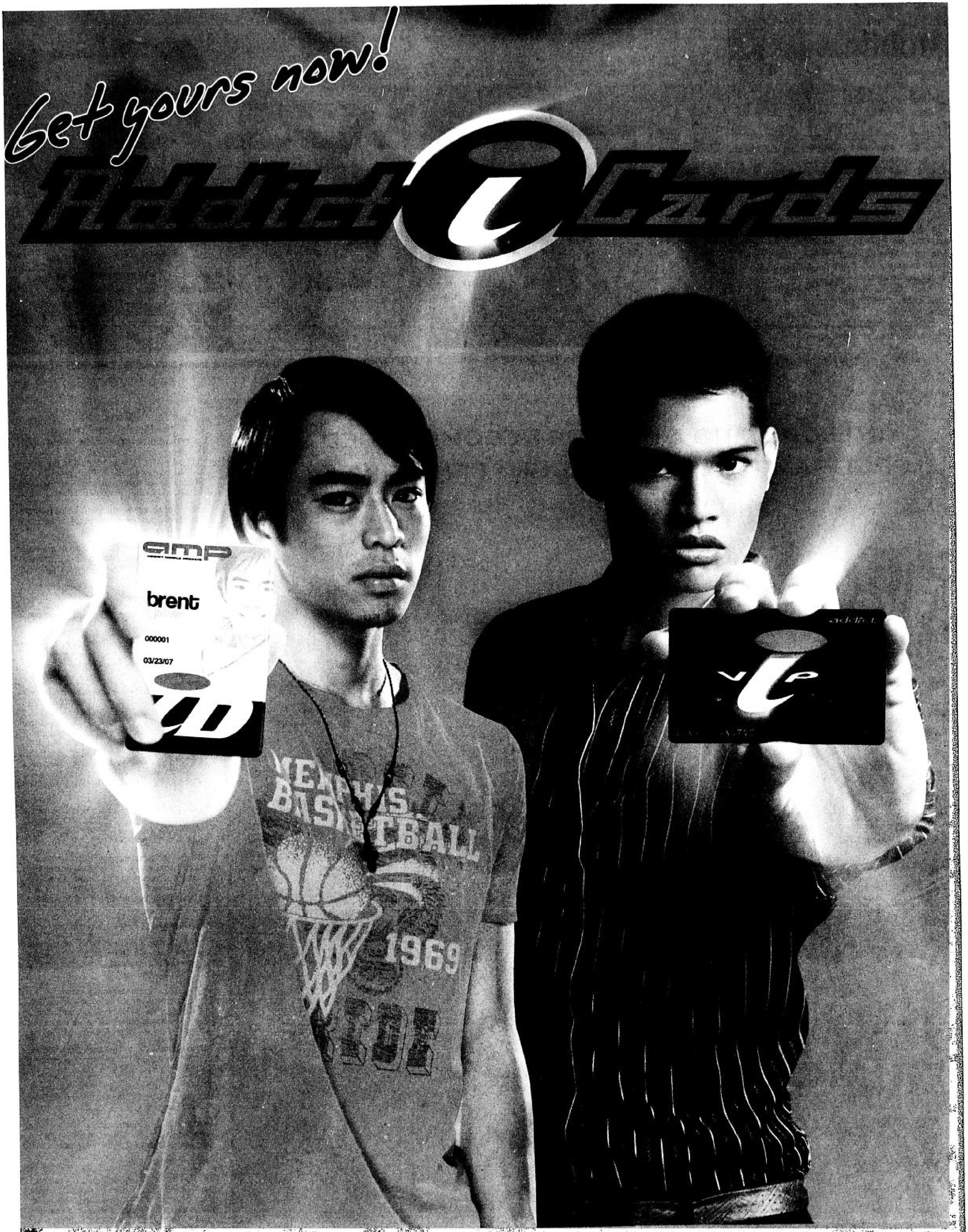
The PNP continuously embarks on a personal health advocacy campaign to inculcate among members of the PNP the importance of health maintenance thru proper diet, regular exercise, healthy lifestyle and, if necessary, medications to maintain proper weight or control obesity.

PNP Chief Superintendent Adolfo Avenido said "the problem on obesity in the police force needs to be addressed to make our policemen more efficient in the performance of their duties."

For his part, Abbott Laboratories General Manager Mr. Edwin Feist said, "the results have been very encouraging. The PNP is assured of Abbott's continued support in firming up our policemen."

Abbott Laboratories Nutritionist and Fitness Instructor, Kathleen Ngitngit leads the PNP participants in an aerobic marathon during PNP's "Reduce Weight" Program.

After a month with the Abbott and PNP Reduce Weight Program, SPO3 Ranny Ranada of TMG, PNP witnesses his 11-pound weight loss and 8-inch waist reduction.



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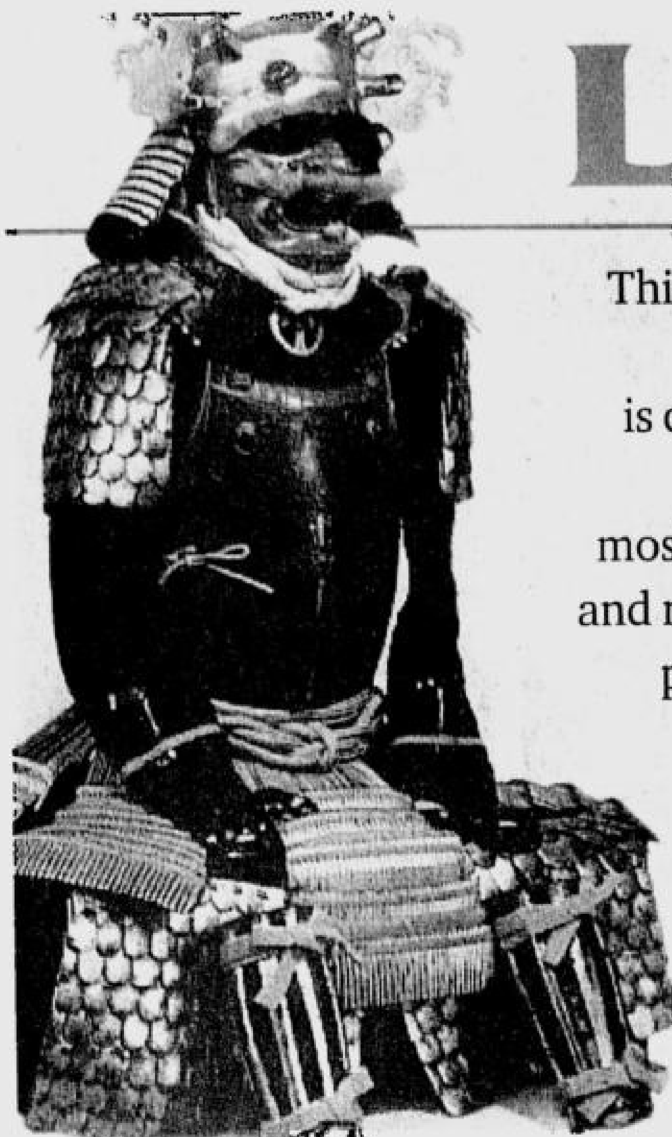

THE KOCHI government has been able to preserve relics of the samurai era in the Kochi Temple.

This southern corner is considered one of the most beautiful and most-loved prefectures in Japan

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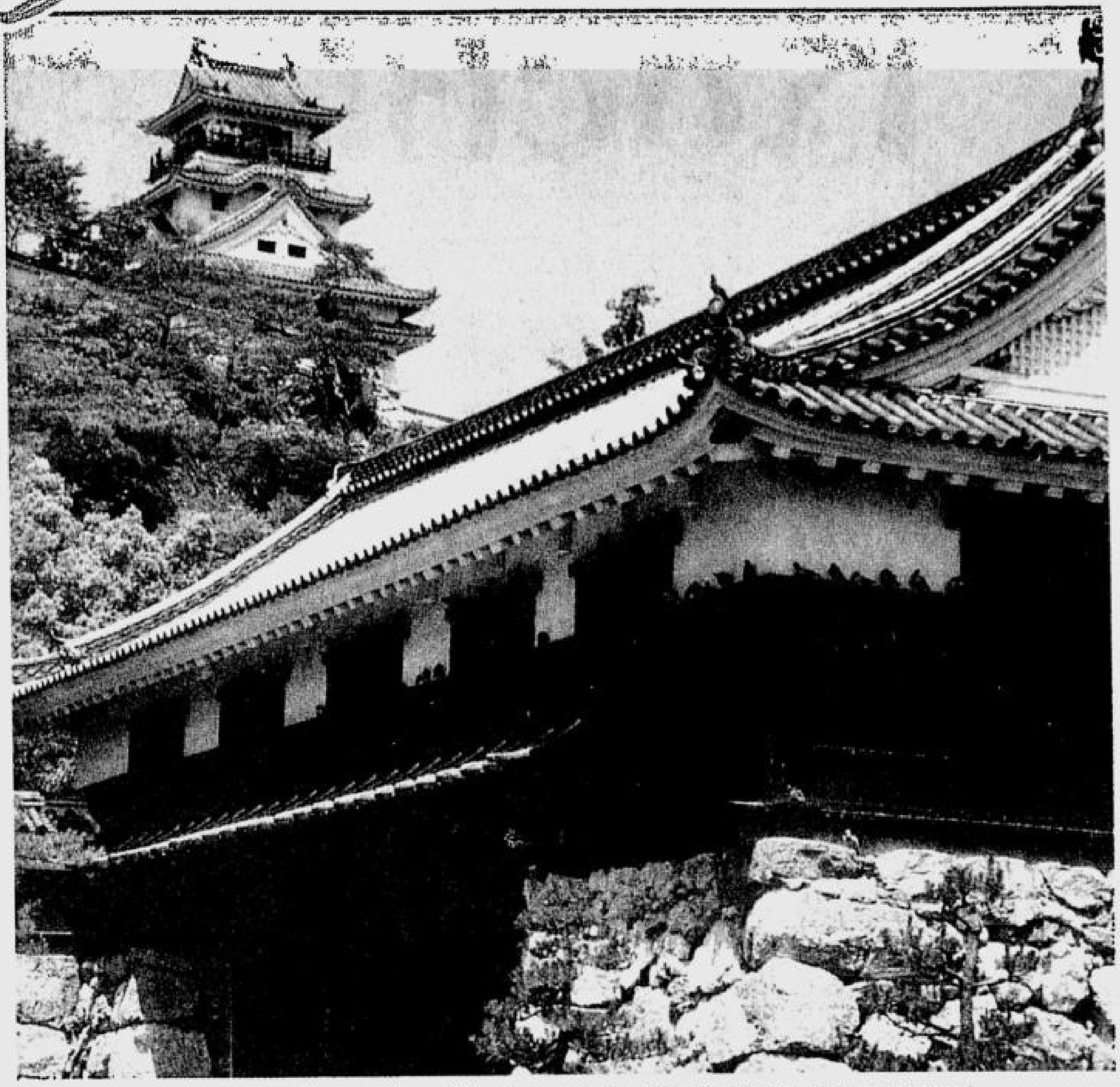

PEOPLE'S Freedom and Liberty Museum, where all the documents about Kochi's civil rights history are housed

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DESPITE its vulnerability to Pacific typhoons and isolation at the backside of Shikoko islands, Kochi prefecture in the southernmost part of Japan is a remarkable place for its unique beauty, elegance and very rich history.

Known for its rugged mountains, dazzling blue seas, abundance of fish, and many special treasures and cultural assets—including its numerous majestic castles and temples, Kochi is considered one of the most beautiful and most-loved prefectures in Japan.

Kochi has the same weather as the Philippines. It is highly tropical, and is surrounded by sea and neighboring islands with craggy, mountainous features.

A number of Filipinos can be found in the city, most of them exchange scholars. It's because Kochi is the sister city of Baguio. They have forged ties relating to sustainable programs for agriculture and the preservation of the environment.

As one of 316 young ambassadors of goodwill of the 31st Ship for the Southeast Asian Youth Program from all over the Asean countries and Japan (28 came from the Philippines), this writer was fortunate enough to visit Kochi's alluring places, including the famous Kochi Castle.

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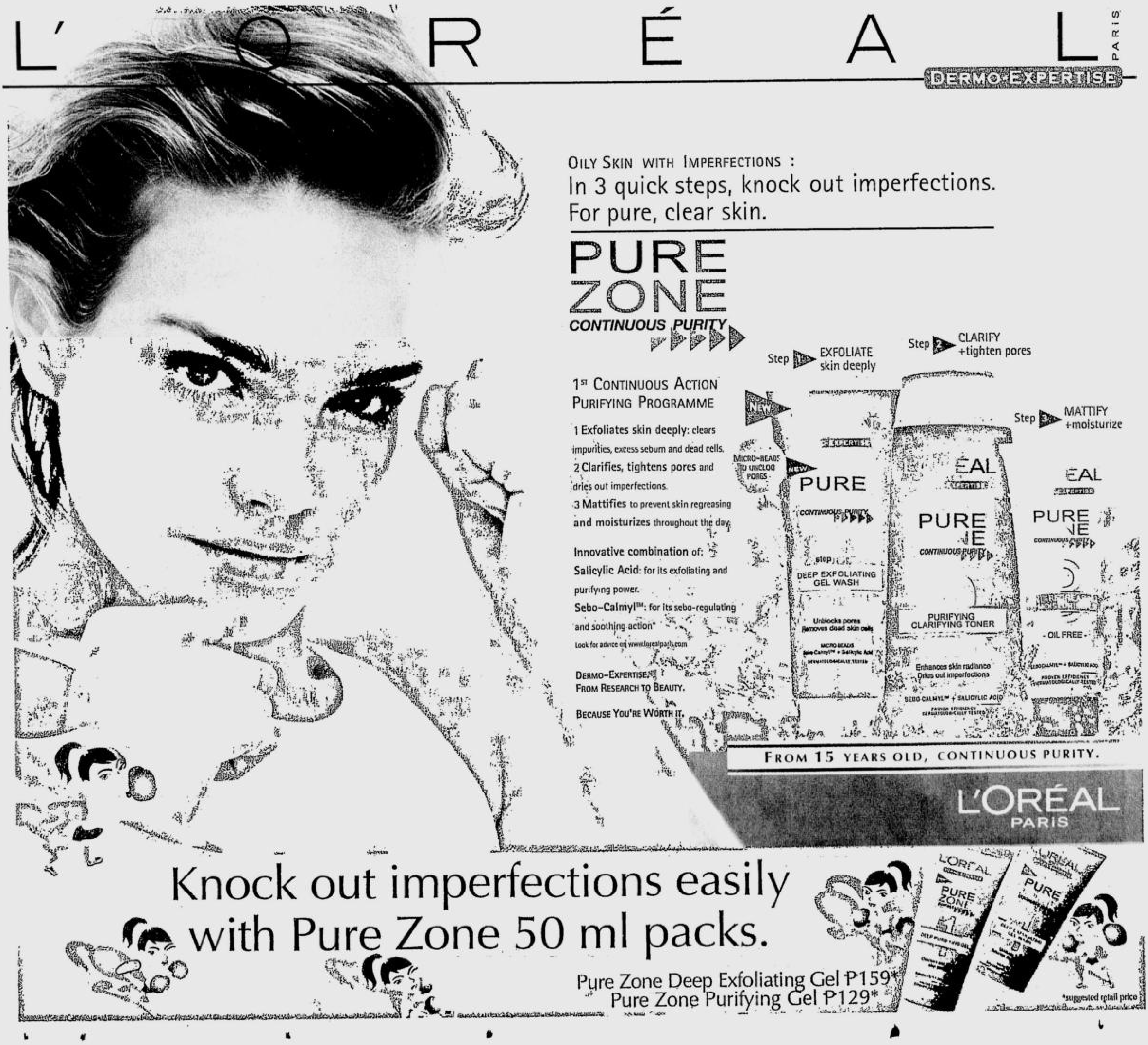

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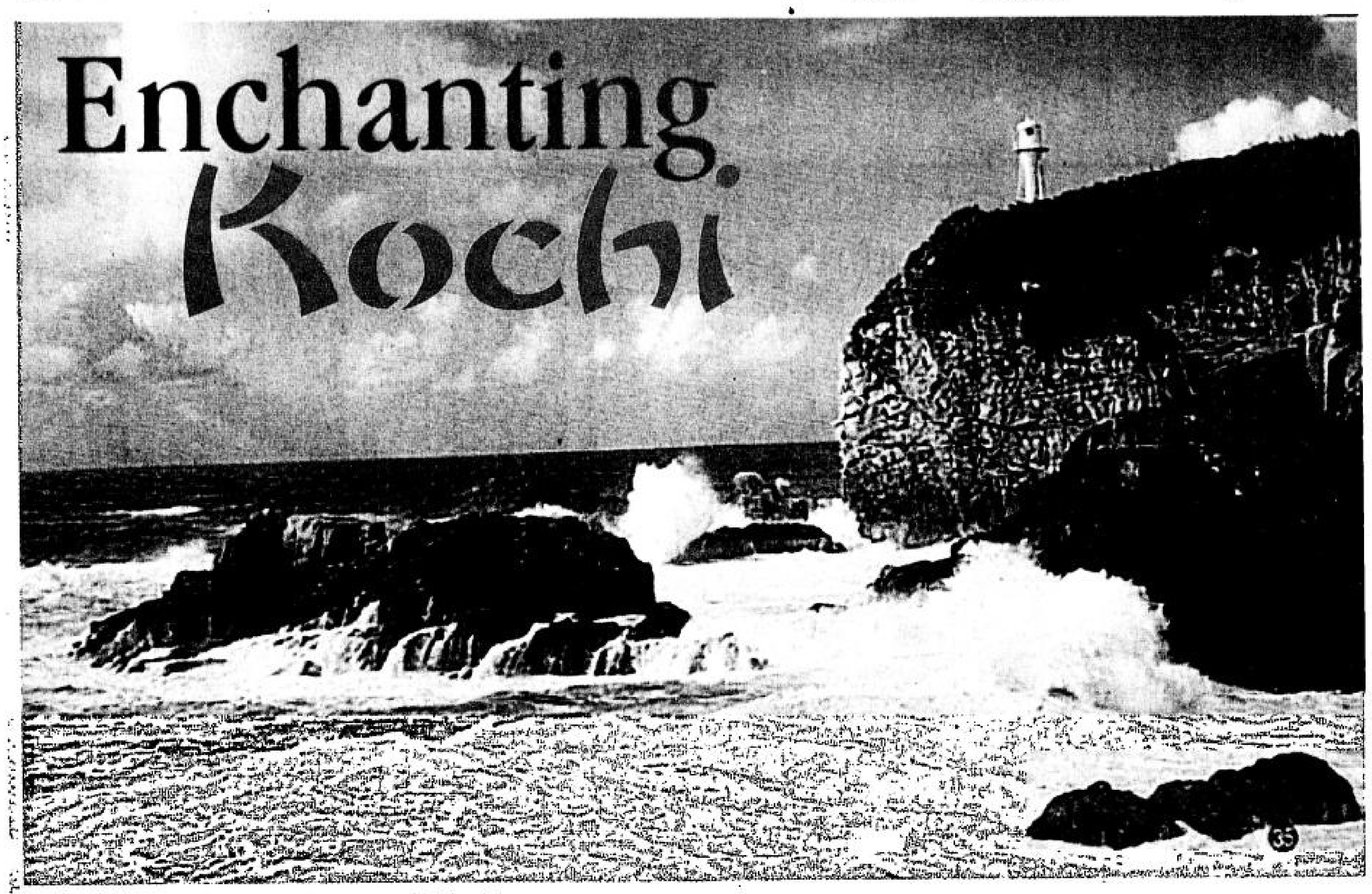


FROM ASHIZURI, one can see the lighthouse of Ashizuri Cape.

THE 155-MILLION-YEAR-OLD Ryugado cave

From page D1

Otakasaka temple

Kochi residents said their prefecture's beauty and colorful history can be attributed in many ways to the grandeur and elegance of the Otakasaka Temple, now popularly known as the Kochi Temple. The temple is just 20 minutes away from Kochi prefecture's capital, Kochi City.

This writer's foster parents, Koichi and Hiromi Ishizaka, proudly pointed out that the Kochi Temple, overlooking the thick foliage of the castle grounds, provides a panoramic view of Kochi City, having been built at the city's tallest point.

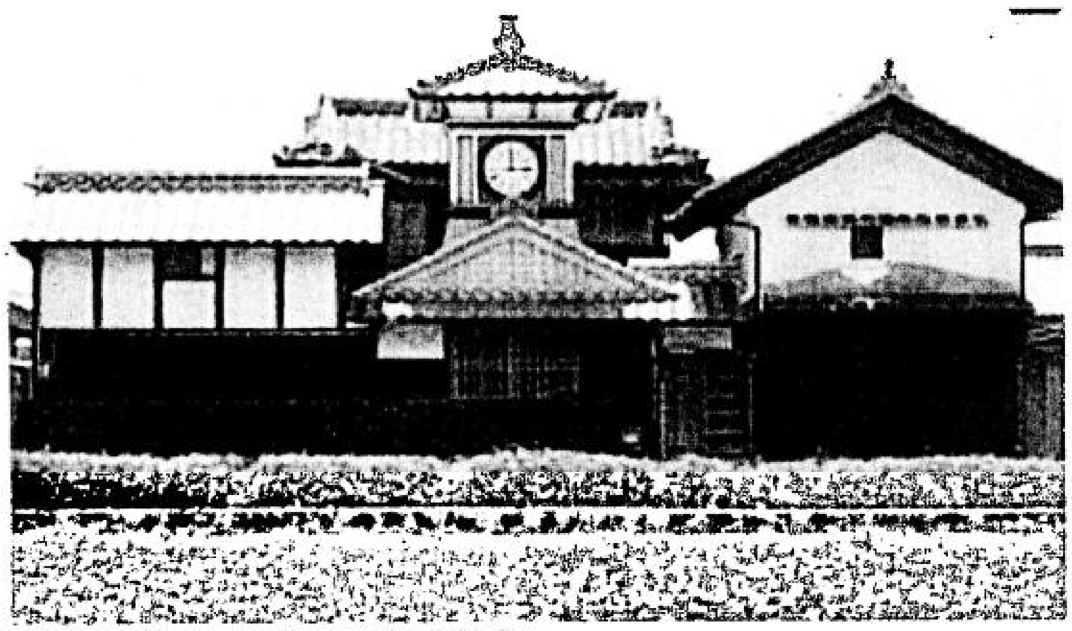
Thanks to Kazutoyo Yamanouchi, the famous ruler who built the castle in 1603, this temple brought enduring prosperity to its people and singular beauty to the place.

The Kochi Castle was ruled for 16 generations by the Yamanouchi family until the late 1870s when the new emperor, Meiji, took over. Since then, the place has become not only the center of politics but also of commerce and industry. Today, people gather at the huge wooden beams of the Otemon gate, which still stands as it was originally built in 1603, to conduct business and interact with each other.

The castle has never been attacked by invaders, though it has tempted the ego of some ambitious rulers.

Every part of the castle was designed with a shrewd eye to defense—quite similar in some ways to the ancient city of Troy. Many conquerors believed that once the temple was destroyed, it would be easy to conquer Kochi City and, subsequently, the entire Kochi prefecture.

Along with the Buraku Temple (Otoyo town), Komura Shrine (Hidaku Village) and Kokuban Temple, the Kochi Temple has been designated as a primary cultural asset not only of Kochi City but of the whole of Japan.



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27 Quarts, roughly
28 Is unable
29 — -tac-toe
30 With 110-Across, Mongolian capital
31 Most sage
32 Riddle, part 2
34 Sunday seat
35 Divided into lots
36 Once lived
37 Anti vote
38 Galloped
39 French holy woman
42 Penn Sta. traffic
45 Riddle, part 3
54 Unwashed
55 French existentialist
56 Norway's capital
57 Afore
58 Jai —
59 Rescue
60 Paid athlete
62 Kicked out
64 Riddle, part 4
69 Small river rowboat
71 Darjeeling, e.g.
72 Roof edge
73 Voiced
76 One of the Gershwins
77 In a knot
80 Box up
82 Mrs. Ralph Kramden
83 End of the riddle
87 Prefix with classical
88 Least spiteful
89 Fellow
90 7, on some clocks
93 Bungle
94 Take five
97 Printer clog
100 Start of the riddle's answer
104 Yom Kippur observer
106 Voiceless
107 See 102-Down
108 Raven cries
109 Skates
110 See 30-Across
111 "Arabian Nights" hero
113 End of the riddle's answer
115 More harsh
116 Not digital
117 Yearly
118 Foot pedal
119 Religious dissent
120 Without clutter

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2 Breathe
3 Anti-alcohol statute
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7 Sail
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9 Tylenol targets
10 Jumpsuit part
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13 Southeast Asian peninsula
14 Affix with heat, as a patch
15 Nissan model
16 Harass
17 Ex-Senator Alfonse D'—
18 Wizardry
19 Geologic span
24 Lena of "Romeo Is Bleeding"
28 Big name in Cuba
31 Refuses to
32 Mare hair
33 Actress Sedgwick
35 Wacky
36 Fermentation station
38 Go to bed
39 Was on a bench
40 Skywriting sources
41 Scrabble 3-pointers
43 Oratorical skill
44 Ticked off
45 Oklahoma city
46 Nada
47 Tapped pub brew
48 Biblical twin
49 Super review
50 Senator Lott
51 Nearby
52 Pouting face
53 Beatty of Hollywood
59 Short news item
61 Shark's haunt
63 Like hot goods
65 "... I could — horse!"
66 Rock on the edge
67 Metal fastener
68 In excess of
69 Pen name?
70 Elvis — Presley
74 Play part
75 French 101 word
78 Centuries on end
79 Washers' partners
81 Camp bed
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92 Sanford of "The Jeffersons"
94 Cowboy contests
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96 For fear that
97 Protrude
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100 Raise a glass to
101 "Ben-Hur" director William
102 With 107-Across, Popeye's love
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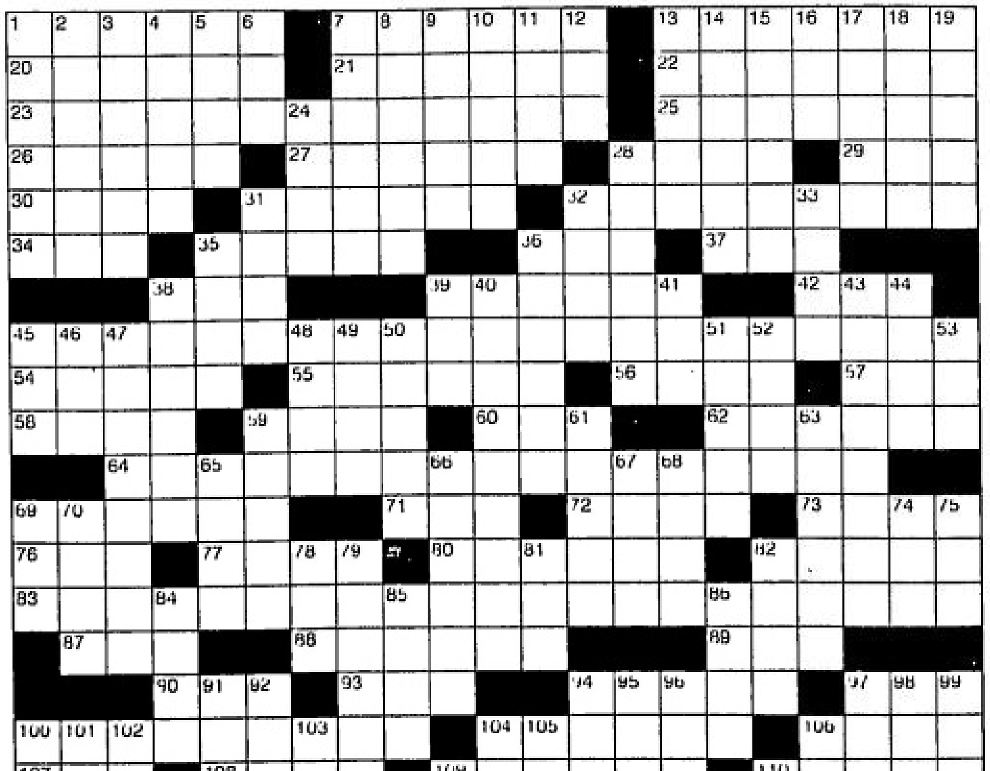

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TRAVELBRIEFS

Two more flights to Bangkok

Thai Airways International has added two more evening flights, for a total of 12 weekly flights to Bangkok. Passengers on any of these flights will continue to enjoy the Royal Orchid Service and the benefits of Royal Orchid Plus frequent-flyer program. New cost-saving packaged tours are now available through the airline's Royal Orchid Holidays tour programs. Call your travel agent for more information or Thai offices in Makati at 8124744, 5280122-25; or Cebu at (032) 2322405.

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Nature in nature

Palawan's Club Noah-Isabelle on Apulit Island rejuvenates the body, mind and spirit with the resort's signature therapeutic massage inside an elevated thatched hut surrounded by tropical plants and overlooking a serene white beach.

Employee of the Year

A Filipino flight attendant is one of two Asiana Airlines' Employee of the Year. Manila-based Beige Tiongco, a senior cabin crew member, English in-flight announcement instructor and instructor for new cabin crew, shares the distinction with a foreign flight crew member from the United States. The choice is based on assessments by co-workers and passengers. Asiana Airlines, which began Philippine operations some 10 years ago, has about 52 Filipino flight attendants. The airline has Seoul-Manila, and Seoul-Clark Field flights. Tiongco, a De La Salle University marketing management graduate joined Asiana in 1996. She supervises the overseas crew in Seoul headquarters that account for about 10 percent of the Asiana cabin crew.

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Manila-Romblon flights resume

Interisland Airlines conducted recently a proving flight to Tablas, Romblon, of its YAK 40 tri-jet engine commercial plane. The flight, which launched the Manila-Tablas-Manila twice weekly trips (Tuesday and Saturday), had 36 passengers including Rep. Eduardo Firmalo of the lone district of Romblon, Interisland chair Capt. Luc Heigen and wife Connie, officials from the Air Transport Office, media representatives and tour operators. Romblon Gov. Perpetuo Ilagan and Alcantara Mayor Ramie Aglicia led the welcomers in Tablas. Firmalo initiated the negotiation with Interisland Airlines executives for the resumption of air services between Manila and Romblon, which stopped almost three years ago. The province is noted for its marble.

Filipino airline is 9 years old

Cebu Pacific Air (CEB), wholly owned
JO Summit Holdings, Inc., celebrated
9th anniversary by holding a day of fu
party and prizes exactly on the day th
company was born. All CEB pre-depar-
ture stations were decorated with bal-
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that day also got for free. A Jollibee k
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as it marked its 9th anniversary. From
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Nora Clock in Aki City, which is

30 minutes away from the Kochi City center, was constructed by farmers around 1897 to serve as their standard clock when they worked their farms. Astoundingly, the clock still works accurately.

Some 30 minutes away from the city proper is the Ryugado Cave in Tosa-Yamada town. It's a 155-million-year-old cave known not only for its natural features but also for the long-tailed rooster known as Onagadori that nested in its environs.

The Tea House in Yusuhara town is one of the most visited historic spots in Kochi prefecture. People just have to drop by this place to sip the popular Japanese green tea. The place also provides beautiful scenery, especially the beaches of Irino in Ogata town.

The Ashizuri Cape in Tosa Shimizu City, 30 minutes away from the main city, is a place that delights visitors primarily because it affords a view of the radiant lighthouse of Ashizuri.

Lastly, there's the People's Freedom and Liberty Museum in Sanbashidori, which offers historical information about the local civil rights movement and its origin in Kochi around the early 19th century. It is only about 15 minutes away from Kochi City's central district.

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14-16 years old
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Facilitated by Ana Valdes-Lim of Philippine Playhouse

Arts Mania
An arts and crafts workshop
8-13 years old
2-6 May 2005 (1:00 - 4:00 PM)
Facilitated by Ilustrador ng Kabataan

Reading Clinic
A workshop to enhance children's reading skills
7-9 years old
9-13 May 2005 (1:00 - 4:00 PM)
Facilitated by Bing Balayon of De La Salle University

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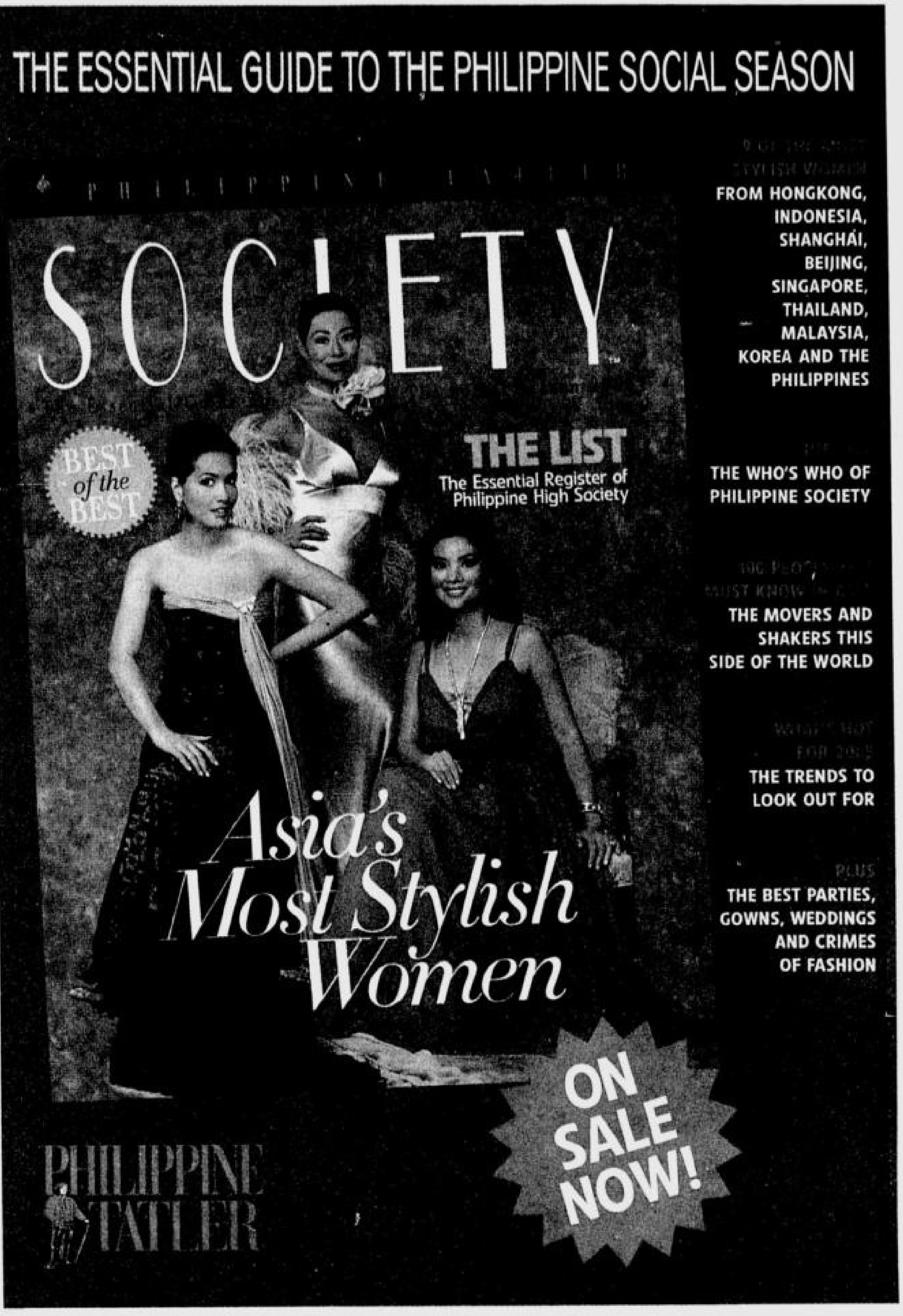
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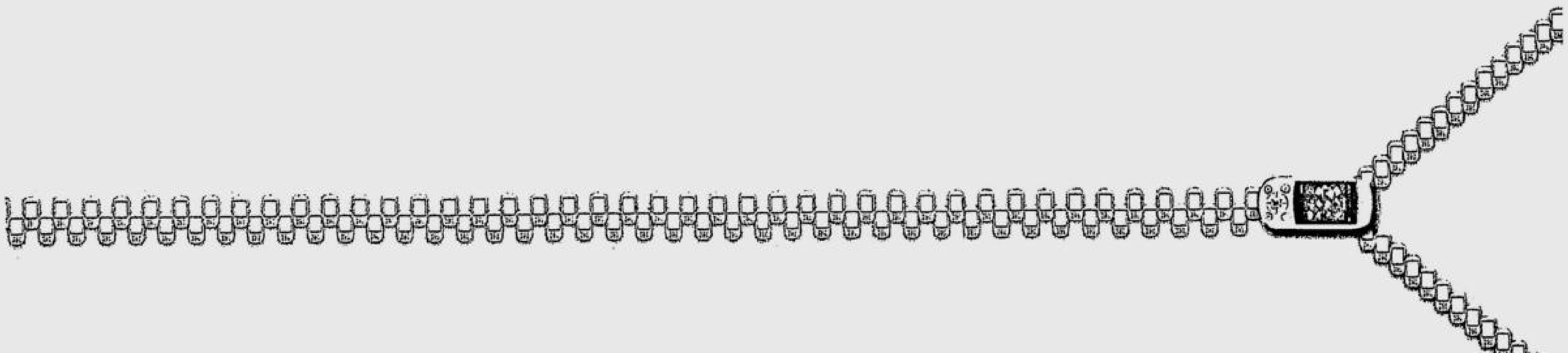
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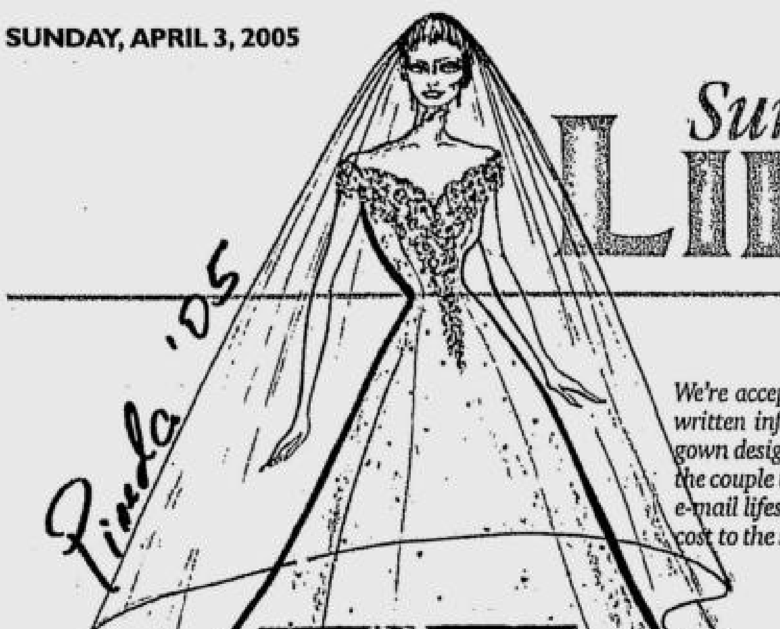

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Arweena Ammie Regino, daughter of Judge **Alberto** and **Alfonsa Regino**, will tie the knot with **Eduardo Padilla**, son of **Cenon** and **Magdalena Padilla** on April 6 at The Shrine of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. **Eric Pineda** designed the bride's gown using ecru bridal satin. The off shoulder bodice is appliquéd with corded chantilly lace and embellished with nacre sequins, caviar beads and rhinestones. The skirt and cathedral train are studded with seed pearls. A 10-meter veil of double width illusion tulle held by floral shaped Swarovski crystal pins will frame her face. The female members of the entourage will wear draped chiffon gowns in tiffany and electric blue and silver. Reception will follow at The Garden Ballroom of The Edsa Shangri-la Hotel, Mandaluyong City.

LATAP-BARQUILLA

Alwin Latap of Macalaya, Sorsogon, and **Maylyn Barquilla** of Tanauan, Batangas, will tie the knot on April 9 at the Manila Cathedral in Intramuros, Manila. Reception will be held at the Fontana Room of the Grand Boulevard Hotel.

LIMDICO-AQUINO

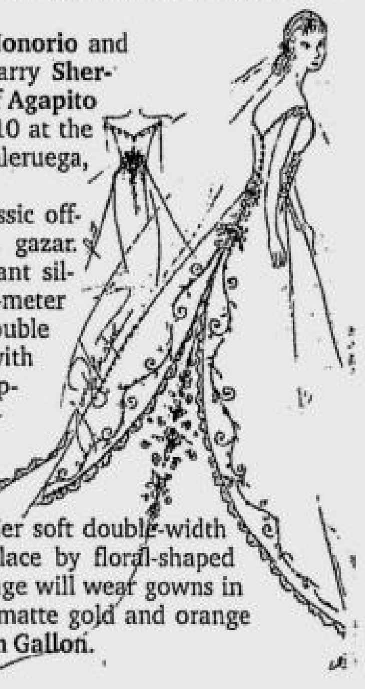
Maricar A. Aquino will marry **Patrick Paul P. Limdico** on April 23 at Santa Rita de Cascia Parish in Philam, Quezon City. A dinner reception will be held at the Champagne Hall, Gazebo Royale, Visayas Ave., Quezon City.

The bride will wear an embroidered matte satin with Swarovski beading by **Emy Garcia-Reyes** of Trajes.

CUNANAN-VILLEGAS

Nemy Cunanan, son of **Honorio** and **Concordia Cunanan** will marry **Sherwin Joy Villegas**, daughter of **Agapito** and **Lilia Villegas**, on April 10 at the Transfiguration Chapel, Caleruega, Batangas.

The bride will wear a classic off-shoulder gown in off-white gazar. The gown has a semi-bouffant silhouette and a detachable five-meter train at the back with a double panel overlay embellished with corded and scallop lace appliqué and beadwork consisting of cut, bugle and crystal beads; faux pearls and rhinestones in intertwining vine and leaf pattern. Her soft double-width tulle veil will be held in place by floral-shaped rhinestone pins. The entourage will wear gowns in two-toned metallic satin in matte gold and orange copper designed by **Junel Lim Gallon**.



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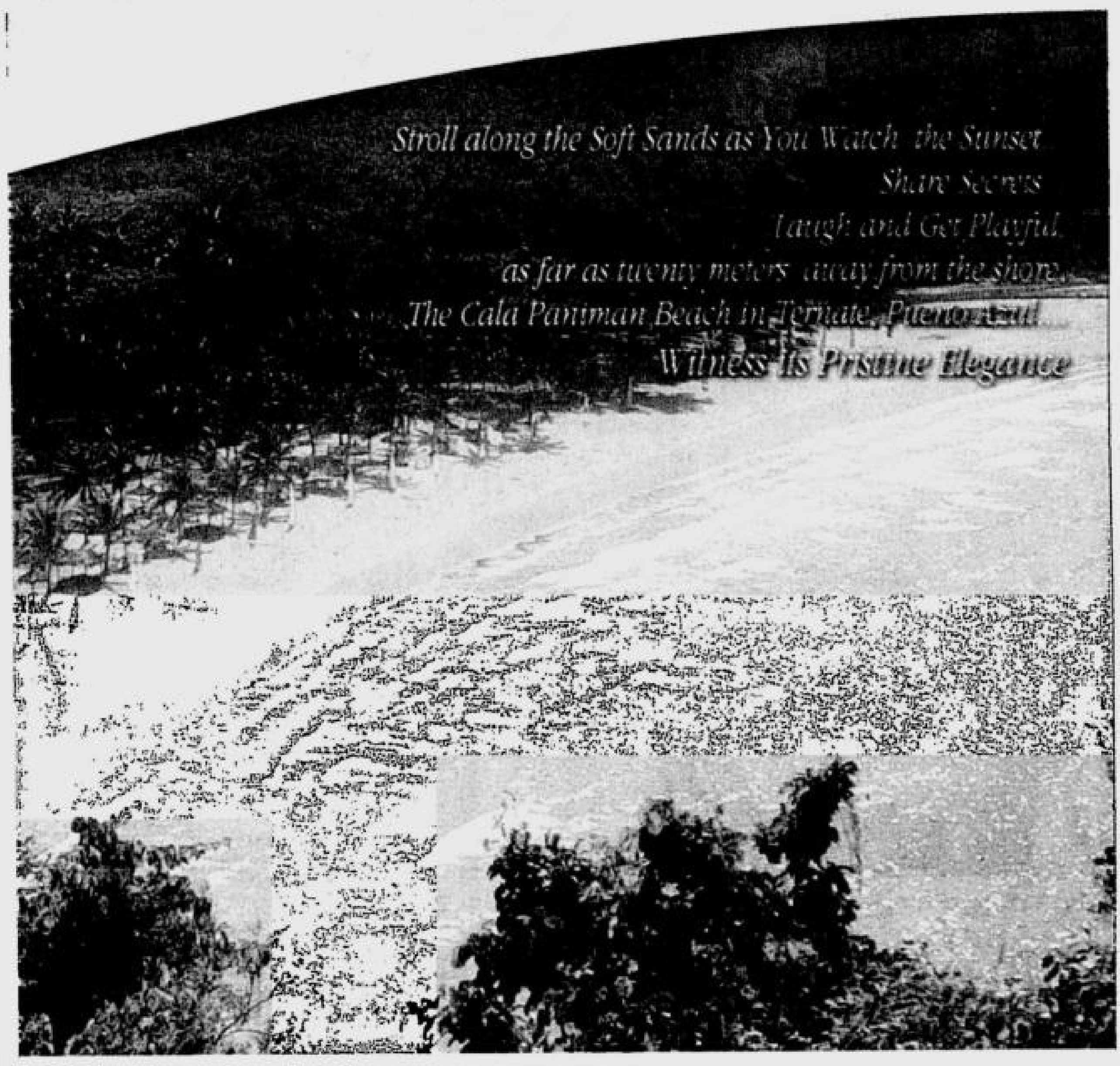

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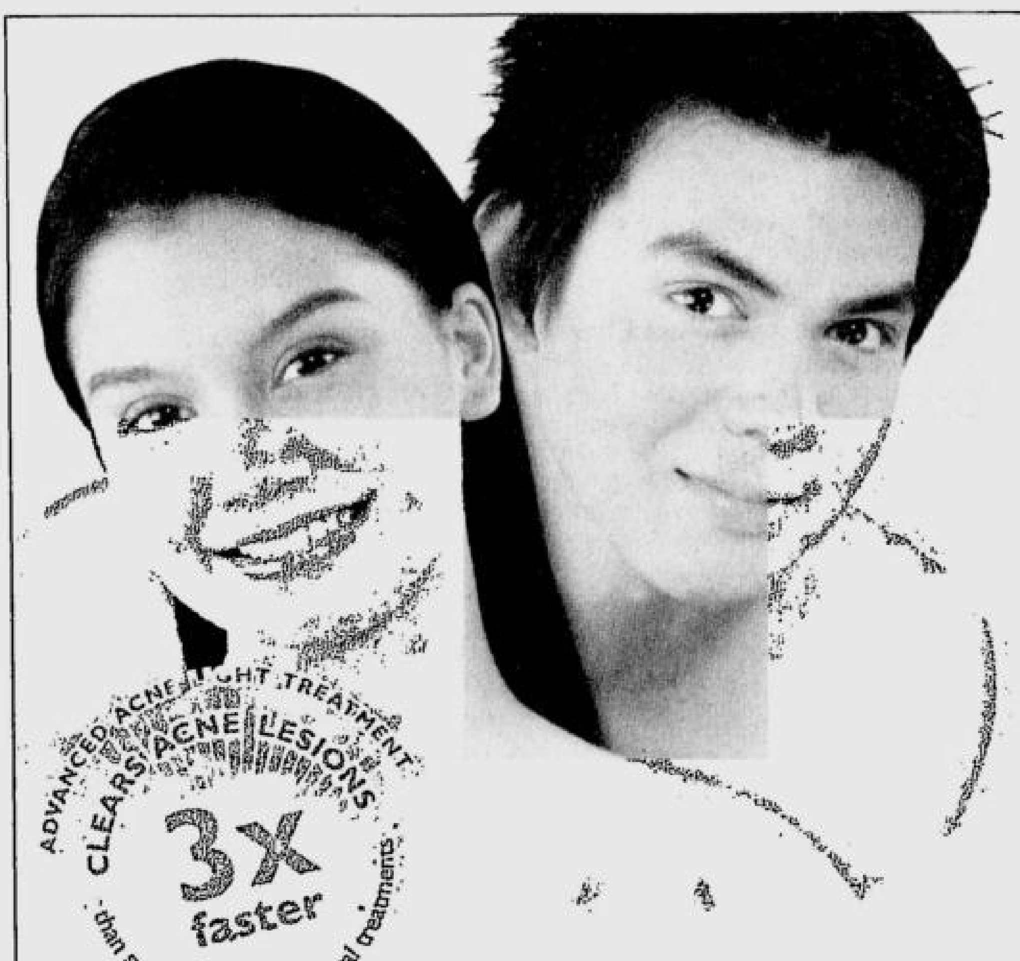
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IT ALL started at a town fiesta honoring Saint Lucy in 1947.

Pre-med student Salud Rivera Achacoso, then 19, and law student Cristeto Hermosura Angala, then 22, took a break from their studies in Manila and joined the celebration. When they met, they discovered that they lived near each other in Manila.

Angala was a full-blooded Ilocano, whose parents Tatang Martin and Nanang Acang, lived in the town. Achacoso's mother, Lola Miling, was an Ilocana who married a Zambaleño, Lolo Iking from Iba.

Back in Manila, the pair continued to see each other, the relationship deepening despite Angala's leaving for Michigan to pursue his Masters in Business Administration studies at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor after graduating from the Far Eastern University College of Law.

Achacoso completed her pre-med studies at the University of the Philippines then moved to the University of Santo Tomas College of Medicine.

Angala and Achacoso married on Dec. 18, 1954.

The Angalas eventually had ten kids, although the youngest died in infancy.

On Dec. 18, 2004, the Angalas renewed their vows at the Skytop of Hotel Intercontinental with a special dispensation from the archbishop of Manila.

"Love Affair" from the Warren Beatty-Annette Bening film played as the late afternoon ceremony began. The entourage consisted of five sets of principal sponsors and the Angala clan of 34 children, grandchildren and in-laws.

The Angalas walked unaided to the altar with "An Affair to Remember" playing in the background.

The Mass and renewal of vows was officiated by Achacoso's cousin, Father Jimmy Achacoso of the Opus Dei.

MAID of honor and bride's youngest sister, Aurora Achacoso-Cobbarubias, gives testimonial to the couple.

PELAGIO Achacoso, only surviving uncle of the bride, with Melba Mandocdoc-Achacoso—married for over 60 years, the longest married couple in attendance.

DAD with long-time business associate Pedro Gomba

WITH 19 grandchildren: (first row) Matthew, Mikhaela, Migo, Hannah, Tish and Kevin; (second row) Enzo, Mark and Patrick; (third row) Javy, Joaqui, Michelle, Monique, Ysabelle, Gio, Bianca, Shaun, Katrina and Paolo

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Divine Mercy billboards grace the country's highways

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AS we celebrate the Feast of Mercy today, devotees will be happy to know that billboards of the Lord with the familiar "Jesus, I trust in You!" are now displayed along highways and popular streets.

There is, for instance, the 4 x 5-meter billboard in front of the San Carlos Seminary along EDSA. Other places include Russia St. in BF Homes, Parañaque; Silahis Village passing Silang, Cavite; the Consolatrix Convent in Angin, La Union; Alaminos, Pangasinan; Barangay Maliwalo, Tarlac City; Masbate; Albay; Iriga, Camarines Sur; Calbayog, Samar and even in New Jersey and California.

Tess San Agustin-Sevilla, coordinator of the Divine Mercy Apostolate in San Felipe Parish in Mandaluyong City, was inspired to fulfill what Jesus told St. Faustina; "I desire that the image (referring to the painting of His image as the Divine Mercy) be publicly honored." (Diary 173)

So sometime in 2004 using her seed money of P25,000, Tita Tess ordered a tarpaulin poster measuring 4m x 5m that cost her P15,000, and P6,000 for the framework. Miraculously, the owner of the ad space along EDSA near San Carlos Seminary did not charge her.

Tita Tess was thinking that anybody who had problems that time and who happened to glance up at the image would be given hope. For in another message to St. Faustina, Jesus said, "By means of this image, I shall grant mercy to souls." (Diary 742)

> Tess San Agustin-Sevilla was inspired to fulfill what Jesus told St. Faustina, that His image will "grant mercy to souls"

Divine Mercy miracles

Jesus the Divine Mercy began calling Tess Sevilla to serve Him when He granted her desire to see the Holy Father up close when he visited Manila in January, 1995. The Divine Mercy Apostolate was going to the Luneta, and Tita Tess asked if she could go with them. She was told she could if she became a member. She immediately said "yes."

The group did not go at the last minute, so she and her family tagged along with her son-in-law, a photographer who (with other photographers) was given a room at the Manila Hotel to take photos. Later, when the Pope left in his Pope mobile, the Sevilla family followed him in their own car. When they reached the corner of Taft Ave., their car drove alongside the Pope's mobile, and Tita Tess saw the Pope up close and he even blessed her.

Maribel Reyes-Villanueva had another experience. When her husband Cesar was suffering from Parkinson's disease and also had a mild stroke, Maribel promised she would serve the Divine Mercy if He healed her husband. Impossible as this might sound, Maribel's husband is now well and is working again.

Those who wish to have donations of billboards of Divine Mercy along their highways can text Tess Sevilla at 0917-4074722. Dioceses can request through their bishops.

Our Lady of Guadalupe in Quiapo Church

Four hundred years ago, the miraculous Black Nazarene was brought to Quiapo Church from Mexico. Last February 11, at 5 p.m. the more than life-size icon of Our Lady of Guadalupe was enthroned at the right altar of the Church.

Msgr. Josefino Ramirez requested for the tilma from Msgr. Diego Monroy, rector of the Basilica de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe in Mexico, in his capacity as parish priest of Quiapo Church. Five people came all the way from Mexico to bring the tilma: Msgr. Monroy, Msgr. Jose Luis Guerrero, Fr. Leandro Chitarone, Hector Rosas Bustamante, Spanish interpreter; and Angelita Martinez de Floria, classmate of Chit Medina-Gonzales in St. Paul's College, Manila.

It was Angelita who asked Chit where the icon of the "Guadalupe" should be brought, and the latter suggested Quiapo Church because it is the church mostly of the poor and people from all walks of life.

Someone sponsored the fare of the five guests from Mexico to Los Angeles, while Lucio Tan paid for the round-trip fare from Los Angeles to Manila on Philippine Airlines upon the request of Fr. James Reuter, SJ. Manila Mayor Lito Atienza subsidized the group's stay at the Manila Hotel.

And so it was that with bells ringing and the choir singing "Guadalupeña," the icon was enthroned. Our Lady of Guadalupe was finally with her Son.

Another tilma was given to Chit to be used for pilgrimages. Those who wish a visit of the Virgin in their churches or in prisons or soldiers' camps can text Chit at 0927-3057485.

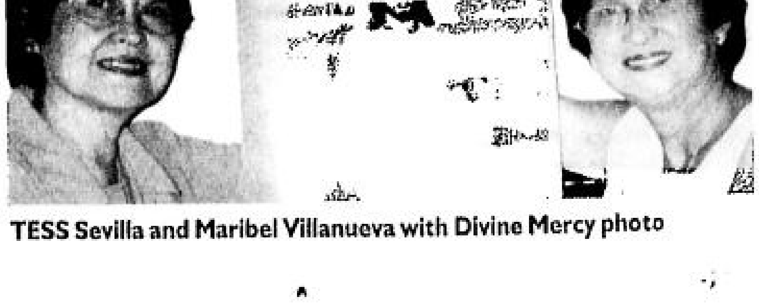
Black Nazarene in Sta. Rita Church

The Black Nazarene visited the Sta. Rita de Cascia Church on Quirino Avenue, Baclaran, from March 19 to 28 as a gift to the parish by Msgr. Josefino Ramirez, also the rector of the Basilica of the Black Nazarene. People came to give reverence during Holy Week. The new parish priest is Fr. Jose Duabe, who succeeded Fr. Steve Villanueva.

Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday to my readers: Tess Samarista who serves at Sta. Rita de Cascia Parish (Feb. 7), her brother Emmanuel Rodriguez, a seaman, (March 26), and cousin Gojee Samarista (March 23).

Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Monchit Mackay on their wedding anniversary (March 25). Stories of miracles abound in these families, especially through their devotion to the Black Nazarene.



TESS Sevilla and Maribel Villanueva with Divine Mercy photo

Fr. Cacao with the Pope

Charismatic healer Fr. Diwane Cacao once prayed that if he met the Pope in person, it would be a sign he was truly meant to continue his healing ministry.

In 1997, when then Ambassador Tita de Villa invited Fr. Cacao to Rome for Healing Masses there, he prayed that he would be able to meet the Holy Father. He did, and this meeting is immortalized in his healing center in Lopez Village, Los Baños, with an enlarged photo on the wall of his office. In addition, the photo was silkscreened and printed on the T-shirts of his volunteer catchers.

The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal has invited Fr. Cacao for Healing Masses on April 4 and May 2 at 6 p.m. at Posadas Village, Muntinlupa.

Blessed Frassati

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati was born on April 6, 1901 in Turin, Italy. Pope John Paul II called him "the man of the beatitudes" who should be emulated. Born to a rich family, Pier Giorgio served the poor by giving them food and visited the sick. It was during these visits that he contracted polio. He died on July 4, 1925 at the age of 24. The Pope beatified him in Rome on May 20, 1990. For estampitas, please write me and enclose a self-addressed long envelope.

Building an Adoration Chapel

Fr. Paul Cabante, parish priest of Sto. Niño Parish in Ramon Magsaysay, Zamboanga del Sur, is building an Adoration Chapel where one can pray quietly and privately to the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

The parish building committee has been soliciting funds, which have run out. Fr. Paul is asking readers to help so the chapel can be finished. Those who wish to help can deposit donations at Metrobank (Pagadian branch) at ATM Account No. 109-310905-1340 in the name of Fr. Paulino Cabante. Or text him at 0919-5830488. Thank you for your kindness.

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YU-DE LA CRUZ

Lloyd Patrick T. Yu, son of **Isidro** and **Leticia Yu**, will marry **Clarabelle H. de la Cruz**, daughter of **Dionesio** and **Carmelita de la Cruz**, on April 17 at the Atrium of Top Plaza Hotel, Dipolog City.

ESGUERRA-. MIRANDA

Allan Jay Esguerra, only son of **Ernesto** and **Bernardita Esguerra**, will exchange vows with **Marcia Miranda**, daughter of engineer **Ruben** and **Zenaida Miranda**, today at 3:30 p.m. Catholic rites will be held at the Shrine of Jesus, The Way, The Truth and The Life at the Reclamation Area, Pasay City. Dinner reception will follow at The Loft in Rockwell, Makati City. The bride will be wearing a **Letlet Veloso** gown and hair and makeup will be done by **Jun Encarnacion**. The gowns of the entourage will be in hues of lime green and fuchsia. **Ariel Javelosa** will document the memorable wedding.

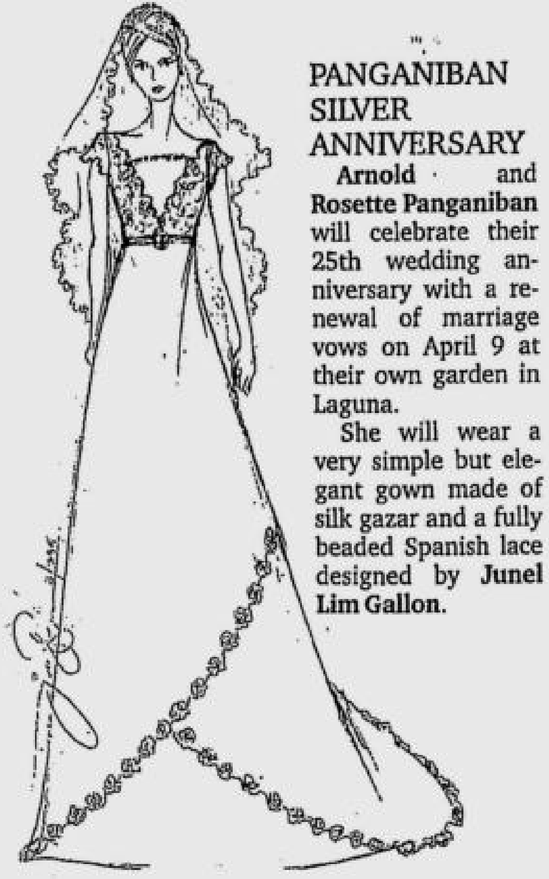
PAULINO-LEAL

Marvin Paulino, son of **Wilfredo** and **Teresita Paulino** and **Daisy Leal**, daughter of **Nawido** and **Zenaida Leal**, will exchange vows on April 8, at San Agustin Church. Reception will be held at Father Blanco's Garden, Intramuros, Manila.

LASTIMOSO-LAGUESMA

Engineer **Dennis Lastimoso**, son of engineer **Ernesto Lastomoso Sr.** and **Josefina Lastimoso**, will exchange wedding vows with **Leah Laguesma**, daughter of **Victor** and **Fidela Laguesma**, on April 30 at the Our Mother of Perpetual Help Church.

The flowers were done by **Tata Soriano.**



PANGANIBAN SILVER ANNIVERSARY

Arnold and **Rosette Panganiban** will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary with a renewal of marriage vows on April 9 at their own garden in Laguna.

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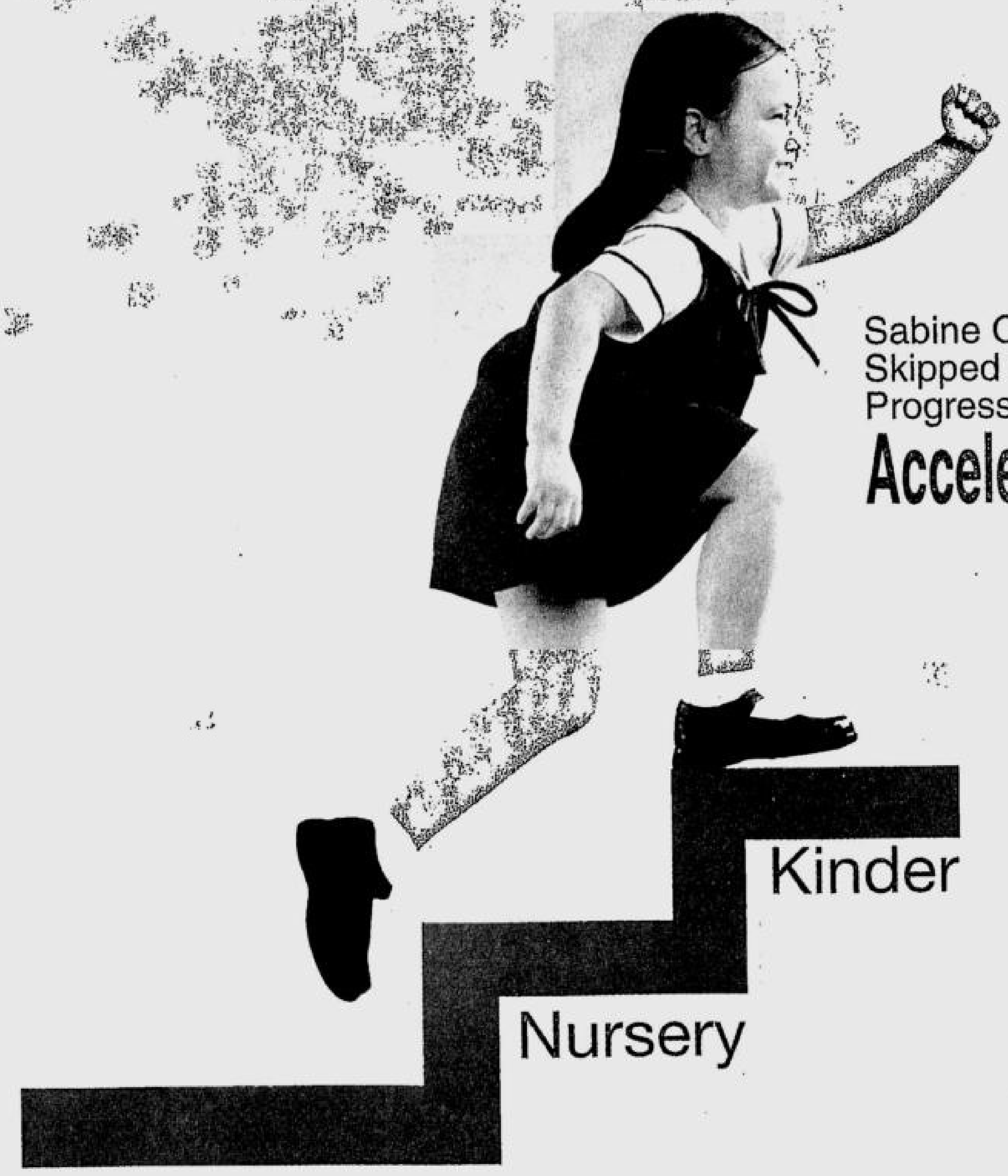

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- Allow him to feel his environment through his sense of touch.
- Encourage activities that make use of 2 or more senses like identifying animals and imitating the sounds they make.

These are some of the things you can do to help accelerate your child's body development:

- Make your child pull toys behind while walking.
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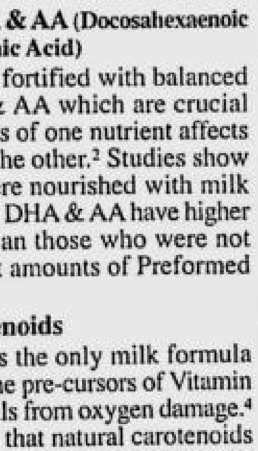

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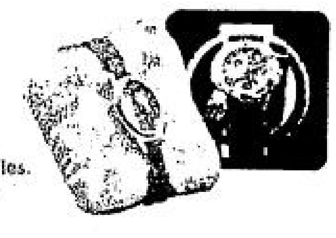

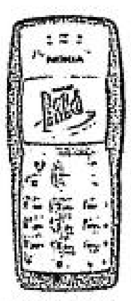
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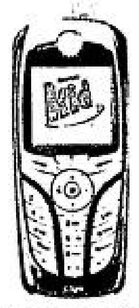
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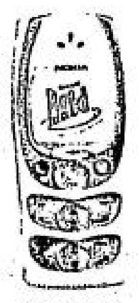
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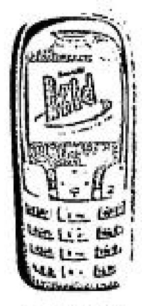
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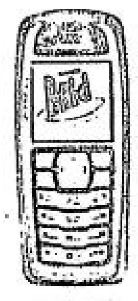
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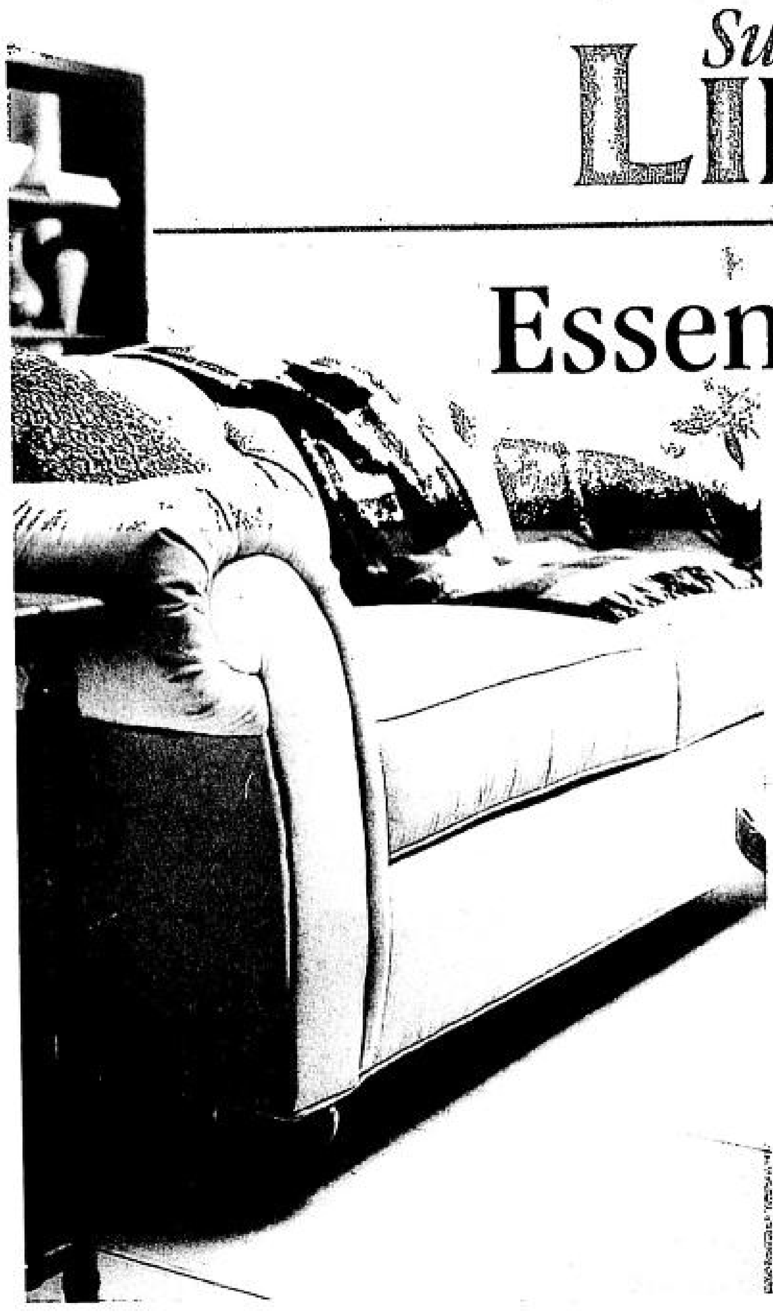

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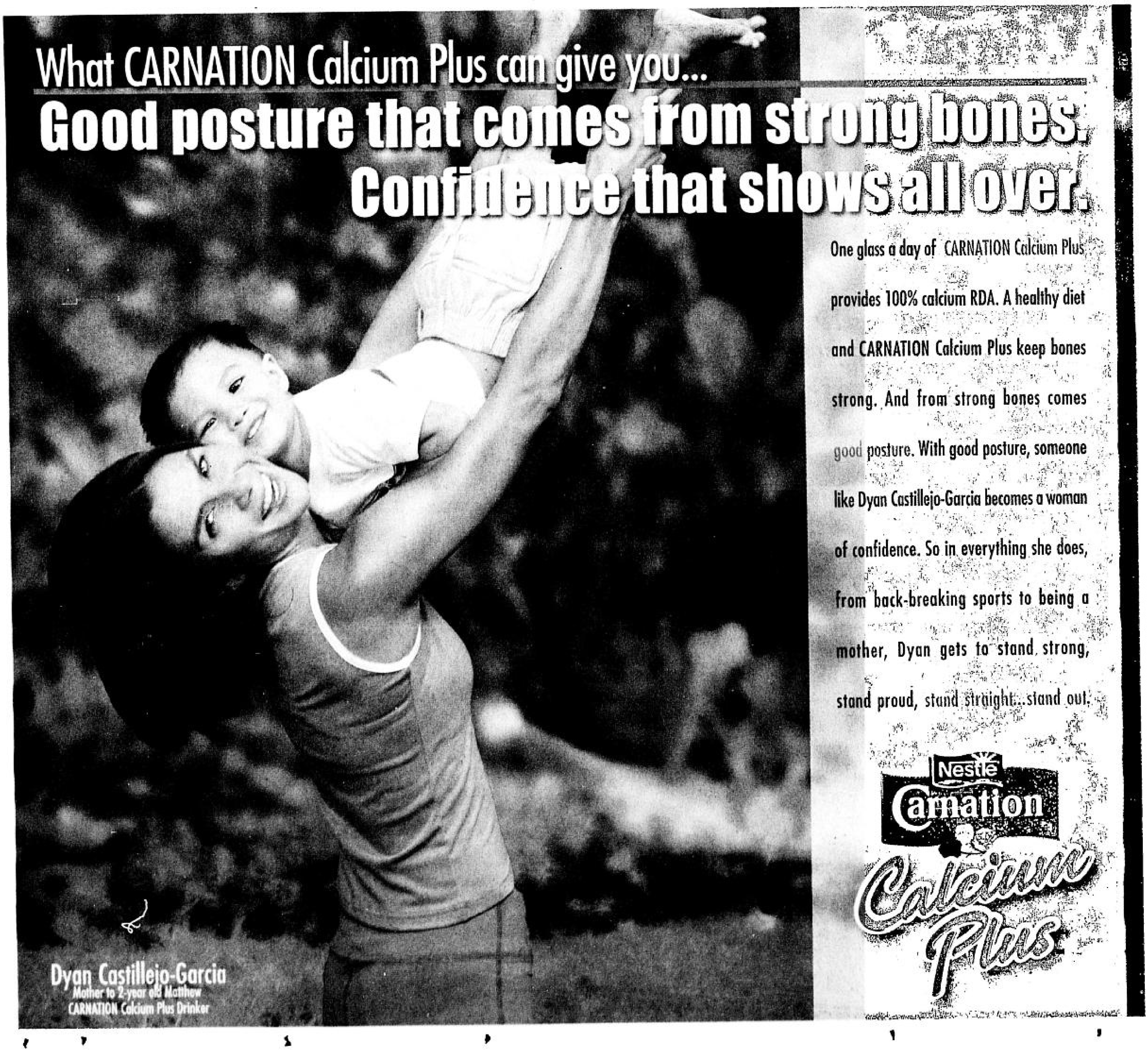

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New environmental award being set up

ON OCT. 5, 2004, Nina Ingle was overjoyed to learn she was one of eight scientists and environmental advocates from around the world selected to receive the Biodiversity Emerging Leadership Award.

This award is in recognition of work in biodiversity and environmental conservation and it has a monetary component—US$90,000 in Ingle's case (the amount varies depending on a recipient's line of work), with no strings attached.

Who is Nina Ingle and what is the Biodiversity Emerging Leadership Awards? Ingle is a conservation ecologist with a Filipino mother and British father. Though she has lived in Davao since she was nine, her early lessons on the beauty of nature began during walks with her father in English forests.

That got her interested in forests in other countries, eventually focusing on those in the Philippines where she lived and where, she found out, there was so much to discover and learn. Here is where, through the years, she has focused all her research and conservation efforts, sharing these with colleagues in other parts of the world.

Protecting Earth

The Biodiversity Emerging Leadership Awards is recognition and reward for work done to protect the Earth's biological diversity. Awardees could be researchers, scholars and advocates from any part of the world. The awarding organization, the Bay Foundation, was set up by Josephine Bay upon the death of her first husband.

When she remarried, the Bay Foundation merged with the Josephine Bay Paul and C. Michael Paul Foundation of New York. The first awards were given in 1996 and every three years thereafter.

Ingle took her undergraduate studies in Biology at the Ateneo de Manila University, and her M.A. and Ph.D. at Cornell University, New York. She started her career as a zoologist, conducting research on the Philippine eagle, the flying lemur, bats (a continuing interest) and even plants.

Finding there were no identifying guides to help her, she made one on bats as an appendix to her research. Published in 1992, it is still a tool for other bat researchers.

SEEING GREEN

Doris Gaskell Nuyda

She helped found the Wildlife Conservation Society of the Philippines, and edits its publication. She is now also research associate at the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago and interacts with other international conservation groups here and abroad.

She has traveled a lot around the country on conservation missions, and it was in biodiversity-rich Sibuyan Island in Romblon that she met an extraordinary policeman, SPO3 Jose Fabrique. She was impressed by his commitment to the ecology as his job demanded. Ingle found Fabrique a persistent pursuer of illegal loggers. While he had supporters among his colleagues in the police force, others did not see it his way and, as he found out in his investigations, were even aligned with illegal loggers and other violators of environmental regulations.

Harassment

As he caught one violator after another and filed cases against them in court, he became the object of harassment like sudden transfers to other provinces and even the deletion of his name from the police payroll. But he did not falter and even used his "exiles" as an opportunity to put together a comic book he illustrated himself, and published by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (through Ingle's help).

The comic book is about the plight of the ecology in Sibuyan and how it could be revived. His case is the classic example of what happens to a simple, conscientious man in government service who must contend with superior but erring officials with more clout. His story deserves to be told separately but Ingle, from her observations, realizes that the difficulties that Fabrique and
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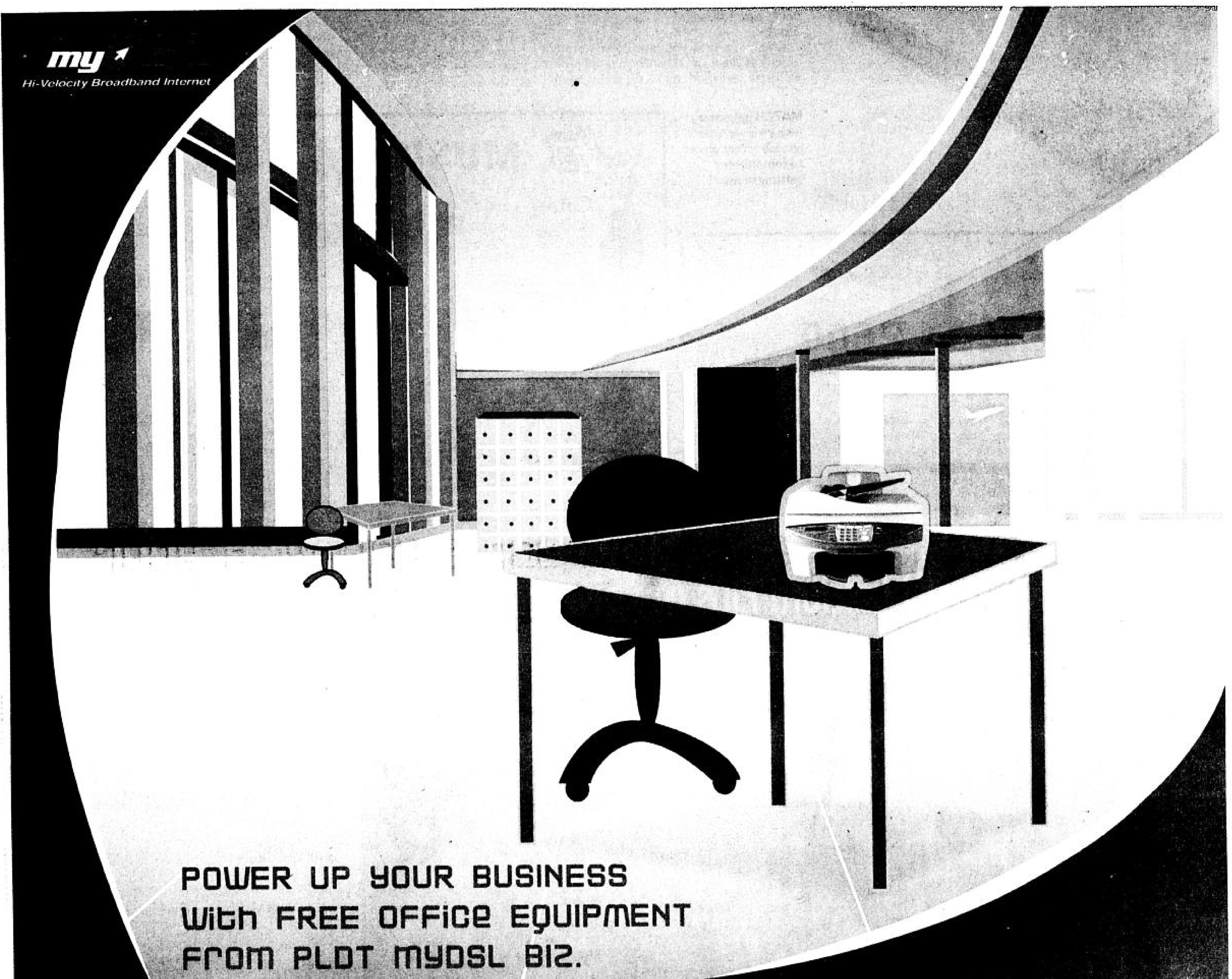

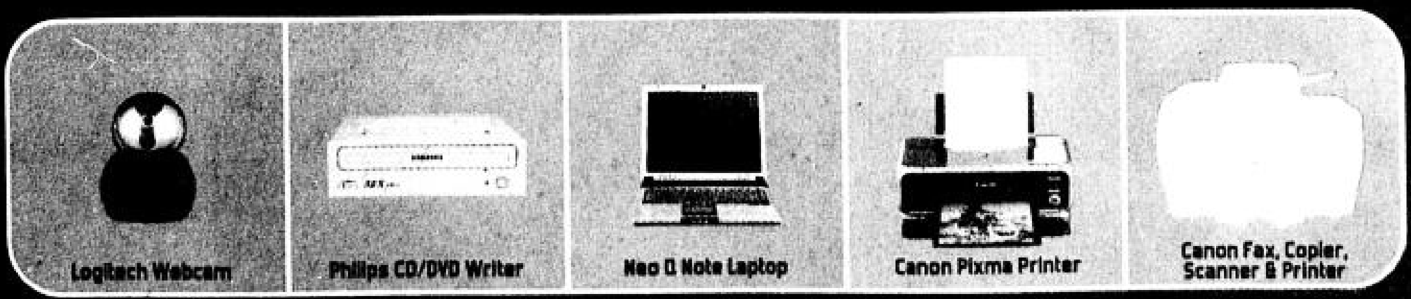

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Furniture show opens April 8

THE CHAMBER of Furniture Industries of the Philippines (CFIP) will showcase Filipino ingenuity and craftsmanship in the Philippine Furniture Festival (PFF) and 1st Home Accents Show, April 8-17 at the Megatrade Hall 2, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City.

The 10-day dual event follows the Philippine International Furniture Show held recently at the World Trade Center.

This year's theme, "Cocoons of Comfort," reflects living spaces that promote healthy lifestyle and wellness. The theme was conceptualized by furniture designer PJ Arañador.

During the show, a series of seminars on interior design, furniture caring tips, among others, will be held. A Mid-Week Red Tag Sale on April 12-14 will offer discounts of up to 30 percent on selected products. A raffle will be conducted on the last day.

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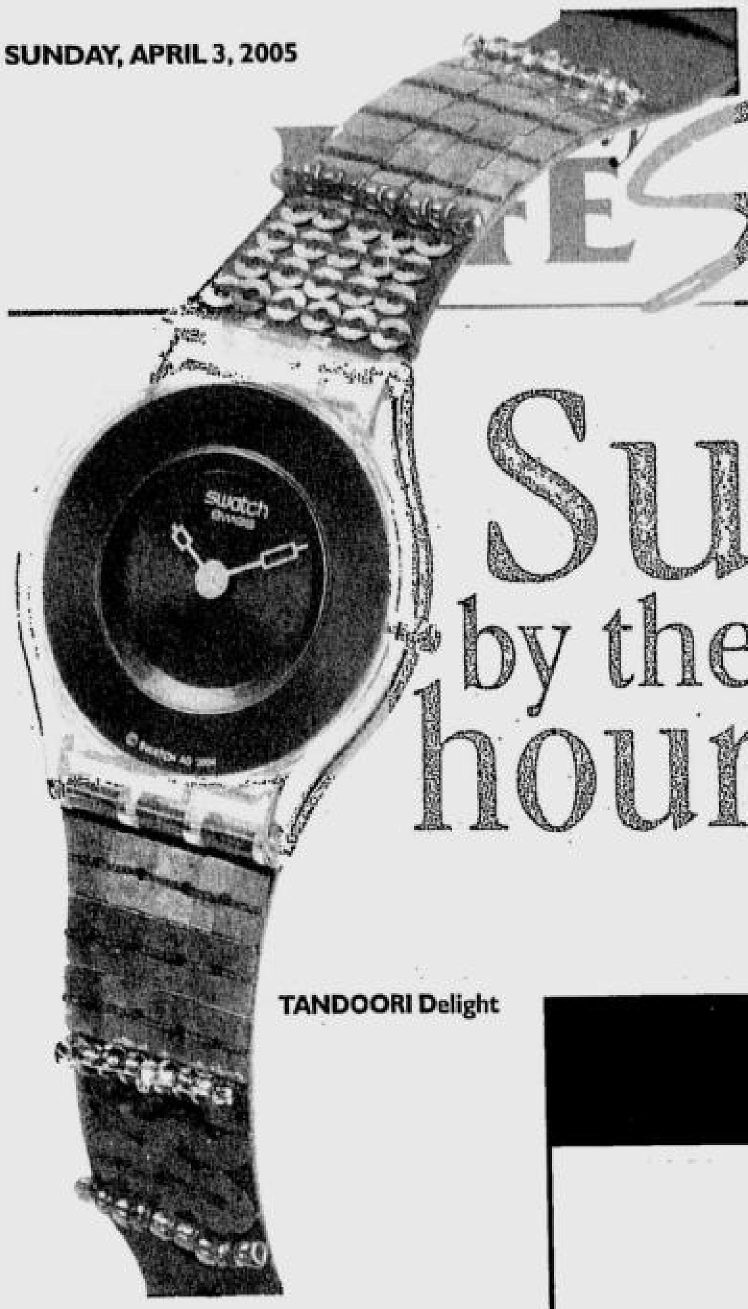

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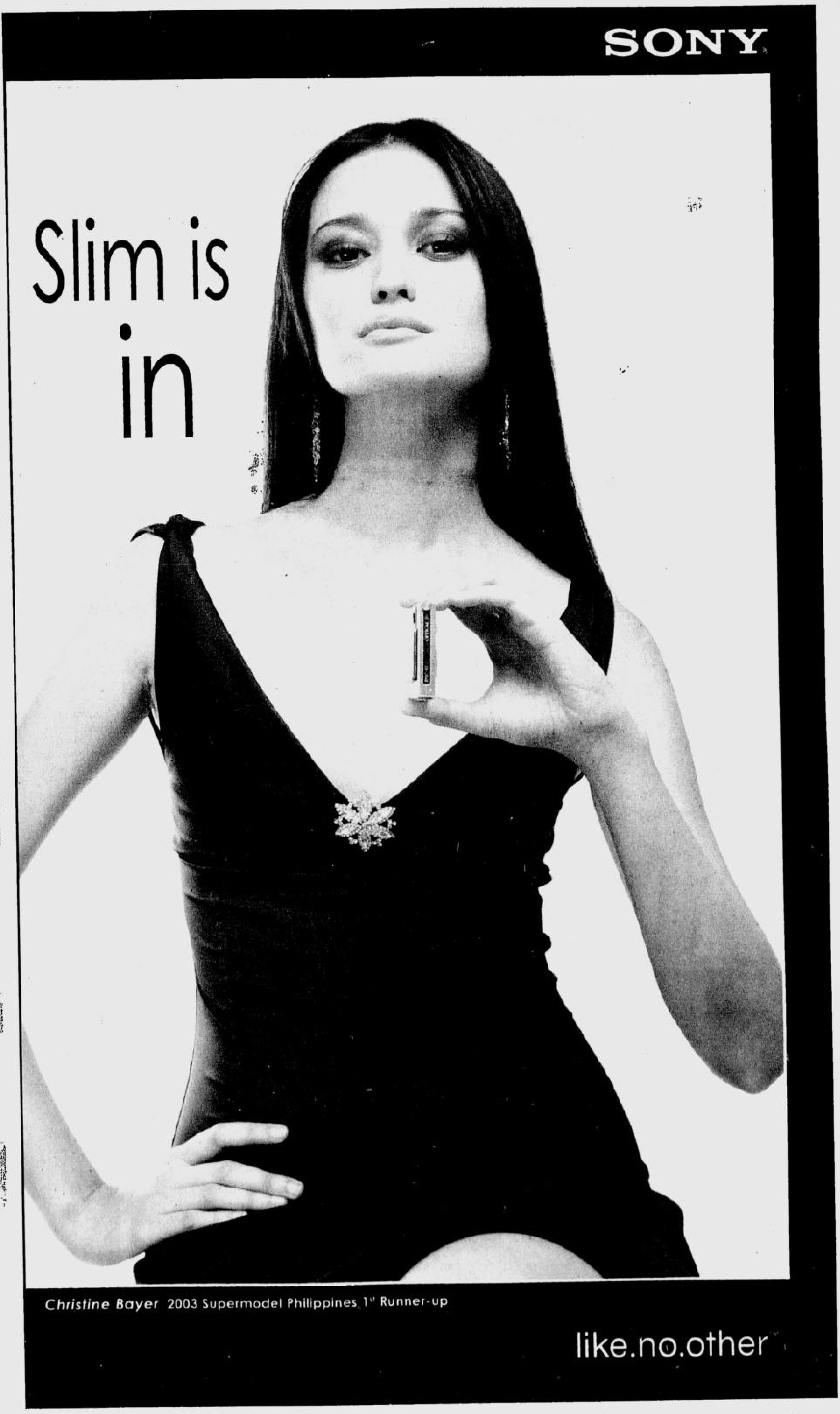

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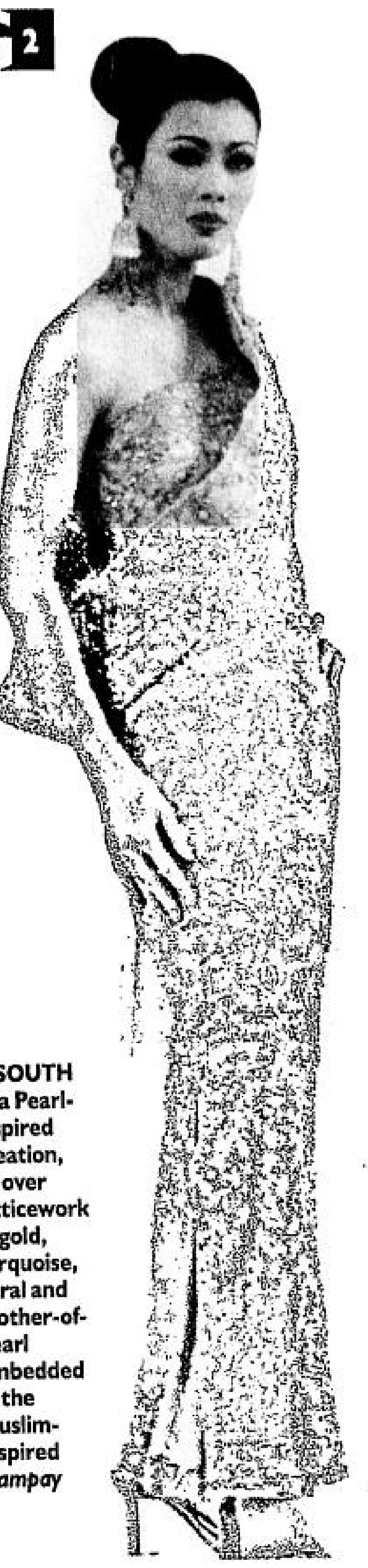

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Pinoy costumes and colors to welcome world's parliamentarians

The cultural treats include Pitoy Moreno fashion, PPO, Ballet Philippines, Bayanihan, Madz, and Loboc choir

THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY Union will be treated to a cultural night by Filipino cultural movers through "Magkaugnay: A Celebration of the Filipino Spirit" on April 6 at the Tanghalang Nicanor Abelardo of the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

"Magkaugnay," its organizers said, will highlight the cultural diversity, the innate artistry and musicality of the Filipino people. It will weave a Philippine tapestry revealing the many layers and colors of Filipino culture, from pre-Hispanic times to the Hispanic era.

One of the highlights is a showcase of costumes by Jose "Pitoy" Moreno. The numbers will include Moreno's ethnic, contemporary, terno, *piña* and wedding collections, as well as collections inspired by the painter Damian Domingo and the literary character Maria Clara.

With direction by Monino Duque, the 70-minute production will feature dance and music, with performances by the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, Ballet Philippines, Bayanihan Philippine National Folkdance Company, Tanghalang Pilipino and the Ramon Obusan Folkloric Group.

Guest performers include Rachelle Gerodias, Robert Seña, Streetboys, Diliman Philippine Music Ensemble, Kaloob Music Ministry, Sining Kumintang ng Batangas, Loboc Children's Choir and Tribu Bola Bola from the Iloilo National High School.

Josefino "Chino" Toledo is musical director; Gino Gonzales, set designer; Katsch SJ Catoy, lightning designer and technical director; and Agnes Locsin, choreographer.

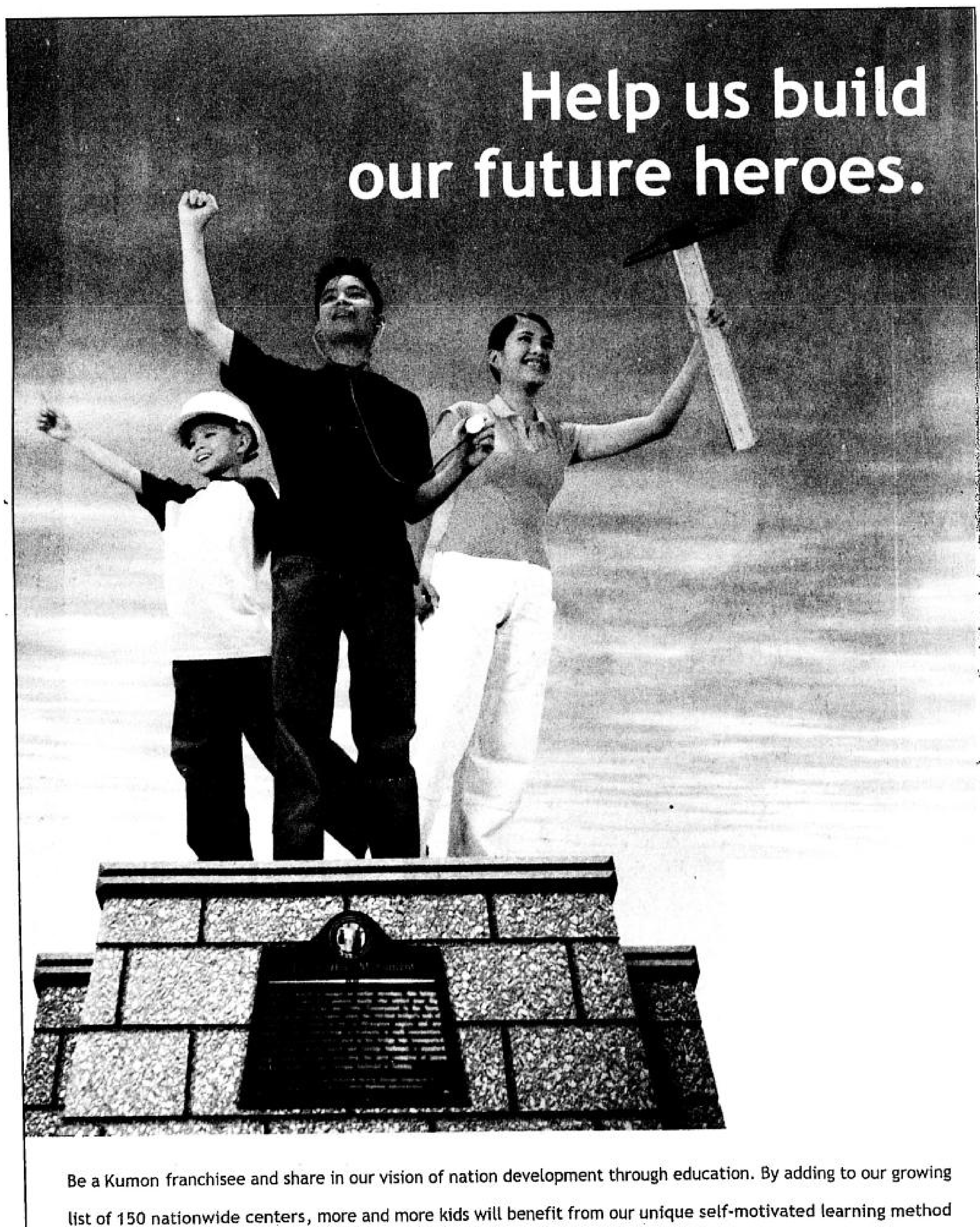
The CCP is the venue for the opening of the 112th assembly of the IPU.

The IPU, which is regarded as the United Nations of Parliaments, is the international organization of parliaments of sovereign states. It has 140 member countries and seven associate members.

The Philippines, an active member of the IPU, hosts the assembly.

The opening will feature the Philippine Madrigal Singers who will lead a 100-voice chorale in a five-minute ecumenical chant titled, "Silence My Soul." It is a meditative poetry of Rabindranath Tagore set to music by Francisco Feliciano.

AUTHENTIC silver-threaded shawl from Baguio in Art Deco design over a black gown modeled by Crispy Laurel



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Belgium starts 175th anniversary celebration

The Kingdom of Belgium celebrates its 175th founding anniversary with a series of events in the Philippines. One was the recent tour of Belgium artists Tom Deneckere (piano) and Johan Moeyersoons (oboe).

The duo gave chamber music recitals in Batangas, Makati and Cebu where 600 music lovers filled the ballroom of the City Sports Club. Jorgen Vergeylen, first secretary of the Belgian embassy in Manila, told Arts Council president Petite Garcia this was the best attended performance of the duo.

Belgium's honorary consul in Cebu, Enrique Benedicto and his lovely wife Helena were just as happy and elated. More so since they have always been very supportive of Arts Council events.

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The program opened with the Sonata for Oboe and Piano by Francis Poulenc. It is actually an elegy to Prokofiev. The next two numbers were by Belgian composers.

Romantic and aristocratic

The Sonatine for Oboe and Piano by Baron Joseph Ryelandt was beautiful for its post-romantic nuances. It is definitely aristocratic.

The Petite Prelude by Kristiaan van Ingelgem was delightfully playful, and the Pavane that followed seemed like an urgent invitation to dance. Everyone sat still, though.

Tom and Johan established rapport with their audience as they gave vignettes about the music they played, and about their personal experiences. They have known each other since childhood, were in the same boys choir, and now make beautiful music together. On trips like this, they miss their families, of course. Johan kept his children posted of his every move through text messages.

While Johan went backstage for a while to dry the oboe (consider the condensation in an air-conditioned hall) Tom regaled us all with two Intermezzi by Johannes Brahms.

The "adagio" bares Brahms's puzzling emotional world—gentle, calm, troubled. The "nocturne," deeply lyrical as it is, is rightly considered Brahms's loveliest creation. We were all stunned.

HELENA Benedicto; Enrique Benedicto, Belgium's honorary consul in Cebu; artists Johan Moeyersoons and Tom Denecke; and Jorgen Vergeylen, the Belgian embassy's first secretary

Pleasant surprise

The next number was a surprise, definitely not on the printed program, but the artists said they were compelled to play. Bright and clear, it came through, "*Matud Nila*" by the late Cebuano composer Wenceslao Zubiri. Who doesn't know it? Maria Teresa Dumon told us she heard a band playing it in Frankfurt once while sipping coffee at a sidewalk stand.

When they came to the Philippines Tom and Johan were asked if they wanted to play a Filipino composition. They said yes, and going through various music sheets, chose "*Matud Nila*" as arranged by the late Redentor Romero. They had no idea it was originally Cebuano.

Later, they said as they played they sensed a collective, silent swoon from the audience. The recital moved on to Sonata for Oboe and Piano by Henri Dutilleux, and for the finale they played a work by the Czech composer Johannes Wenzeslaus Kalliwoda—Morceau de Salon for Oboe and Piano.

When it ended, the audience arose as one to give the performers a standing ovation. Event chairs Klepp and Alice Plaza mounted the stage to present the artists with garlands. As the enthusiastic applause continued, the artists gave an encore— Romance by Schumann.

A dinner in honor of the artists was held later at the Magellan Hall of the same building. Jorgen Vergeylen gave a brief but eloquent speech thanking one and all, and outlined the events in the Philippines marking Belgium's 175th founding anniversary.

Most of the activities will be in Manila, and they include exhibits, lectures and more concerts. Belgium's National Day will be celebrated in Cebu on July 21.

Seated next to Tom and Johan, Petite Garcia wanted to know how they learned to play "*Matud Nila*" so well, and in just two days. "It's so beautiful," said Tom. "And it strikes us. It is about love..yearning, and not fulfilled."

"Not even expressed to the one who inspired it," said Virginia Peralta Vamenta who was next-door neighbor of the late Lily Filoteo Ferreros. "She was a perfect lady," many of us sighed, missing her still almost 10 years after her death.

'Matud Nila'

The story goes that in pre-war Cebu, Wen Zubiri wrote "*Matud Nila*" and those around him said it was Lily who inspired him. She was then a "*colegiala*" at St. Scholastica's College in Manila, and would come home to the family farm house in Northern Cebu on vacations. That's where Mr. Zubiri saw her.

Lily, a good pianist and even better writer, married Ralph Ferreros, and they had seven children. Tina, very well known in Manila's PR circles, is one of them. We knew Lily well and she never mentioned anything about "*Matud Nila*." We do recall that every time it was sung, frequently in Cebu, Lily would sigh and say, "Not again."

A paper I used to write for, knowing how close I was to her, once asked me to do a story on her and "*Matud Nila*." "What?" she said, more a rhetorical question than anything else. End of story.

It was only after she died that the story saw print. And I certainly did not write it. The fact was, as someone pointed out, the author never told her!

Posterity makes Lily the woman who inspired "*Matud Nila*." She should be known more for her many endearing qualities. Talk about real class!

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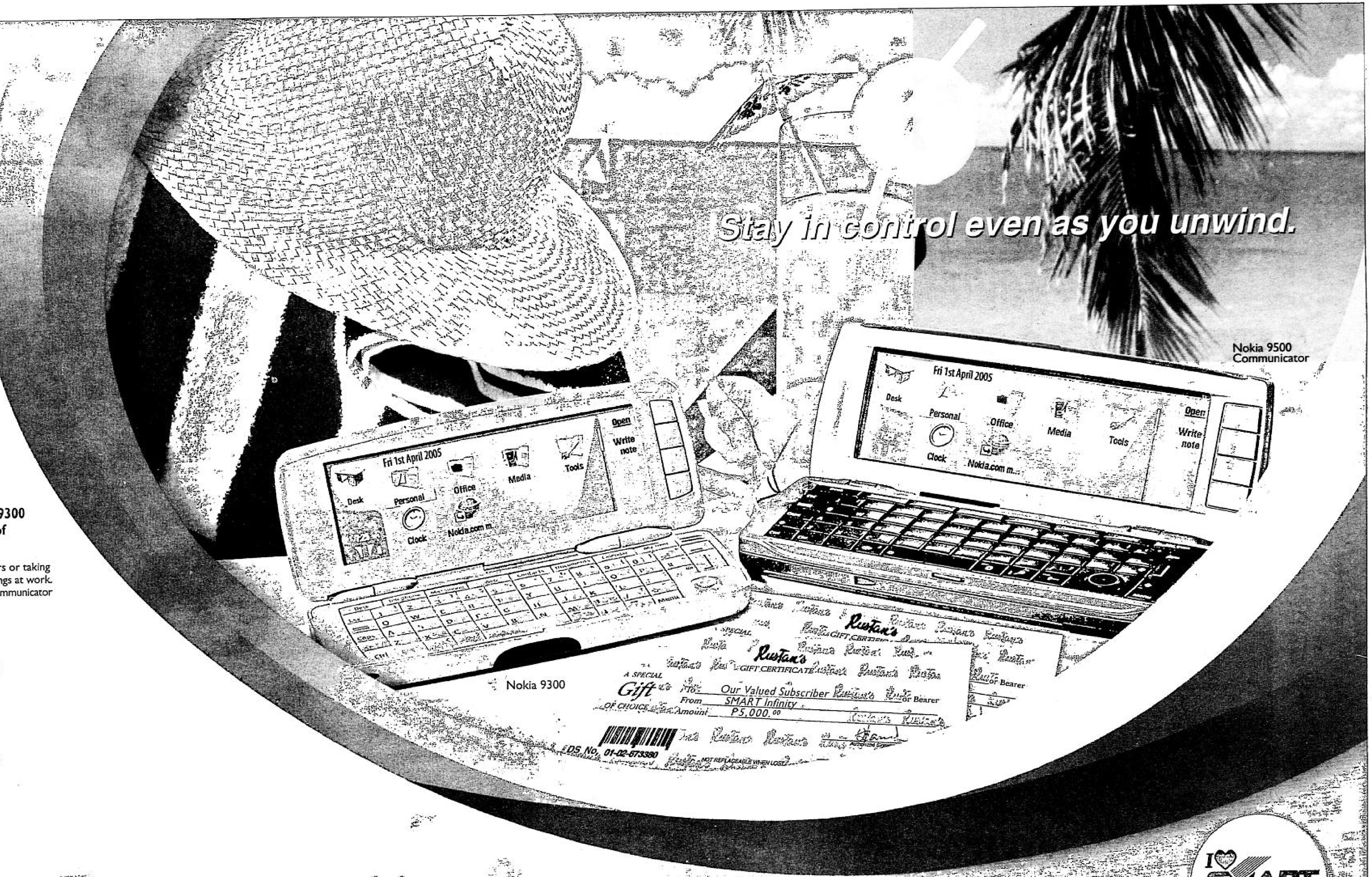
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'Black is back' and other Paris revelations

T'NT TRENDS & TRENDINGS
Anton San Diego

MY Paris trip—The YSL fall/winter 2005 fashion show. This is part two of my Paris trip, a highlight of which was getting to see the Yves Saint Laurent show held at the Theatre National de Chaillot last March 6.

According to the fashion powers-that-be, Paris has replaced all other countries as the "new capital of fashion," with the strong showing of fashion houses like Lanvin, Yohji Yamamoto, Balenciaga, Comme des Garcons, Dior, etc.

Yves Saint Laurent was one of three big names that closed the Paris Fall/Winter 2005 Women's collection. **Stefano Pilati**, YSL's head designer, had a lot on his plate since his debut show held last year was not well-received. The lukewarm response was probably because he was stepping into the big shoes of celebrated designer **Tom Ford**.

But with this year's collection, Pilati showed a very confident and powerful mastery with his craft that made people say, "Tom who?"

His collection had an elegant seriousness about it. The pieces that stood out were his evening gowns (a homage to contemporary goddesses), sweaters cinched at the waist and Pilati's take on '80s-style broad shoulders.

Although color has been dominant in the last five seasons of every major fashion house, there seems to be a consensus on the Paris runways that black is back, and that was evident in Pilati's collection.

In an interview with the New York Times, Pilati was asked how he felt about filling in the shoes of the legendary Saint Laurent and Tom Ford. Pilati said, "The masters have always shown us more silhouette. We got to the point where we are putting things on clothes because we wanted to make them more attractive."

To Pilati, Ford's Saint Laurent didn't reflect French life. "It was L.A. trying to be French," he said.

Next week: more about the Paris runway shows. Also, Asia's fashion empress, **Joyce Ma**, received the French Legion of Honor Award, a trip to the Baccarat Museum and the new Cartier Boutique at the Champs Élysées.

Rants and raves

What we hate this month: The heat... That Helmut Lang left his own fashion company and rumors swirling around that the parent company might close the fashion brand altogether... **Michael Jackson's** trial. Okay, we should not judge, but this is the second time he is being accused of the same crime! Something must be truly wrong in Neverland.

What we love: That there is a fashion week in Manila, and yes, despite the fact that it may not be at par with the rest of Asia, at least the team of **Joey Espino** is doing something to showcase the talents of Filipino designers who are waiting for their own marquee moments... In women's fashion, wedge shoes and wooden cuffs and necklaces... Pink shirts for men... The South Beach Diet version of *sinigang na lechon* at Café Bola... Makati police who use bicycles as a mode of transportation. At least they are fit and do not have huge bellies... The TV shows "Lost" and "The Contender"... That despite **Manny Pacquiao's** loss, **Lani Misalucha** sang the Philippine National anthem so well it made us so proud to be Filipino... "American Idol" on Channel 5... Embassy at the Fort, the hottest and hippest bar/restaurant in Manila. Congratulations to **Tim**, **Eric**, **Jon** and **Fernando**... Wallpaper magazine. For a while it lost its hold as the premiere avant garde rag in town, but now it's back!... **Michael Bublé's** new album, as well as CDs of Mandalay's "Solace" and pop opera quartet "Il Divo."

Truly Indonesia

Indonesia On My Mind—The Asia Society Philippines Trip. First there was Cambodia, then India. Now Indonesia takes center stage as Asia Society, a nonprofit, nongovernment international organization that seeks to foster understanding of the different countries and cultures of the Asia Pacific region, sets to do its annual trip, this time to Indonesia.

Although I was not able to go to the India trip, I was privileged to join the Cambodia sojourn, and if there is one site in the world you must visit, it is Angkor Wat.

What made the trip special was the fact that Asia Society was able to open doors that otherwise would not have been opened if we were mere tourists. For the Cambodia trip, we got an audience with the King, dined with the Prince and had a private sunrise tour of one of the ruins of Angkor Wat while children danced inside the breathtaking temple. Asia Society's Cambodia trip was one of the best trips I have ever had.

MAN OF THE HOUR: YSL designer Stefano Pilati

This year, the tag line is "Visit Indonesia like never before." It's a VIP introduction to Jakarta and here's what's on the agenda: A visit to a world heritage site Borobudor temple, an audience with the First lady, a private meeting with the Queen, a special fashion show with Indonesian top fashion designer **Baron** and **Harry Dharsono**, an enchanting trip to Bali with accommodations at the Beghawan Giri, as well as a visit to world-renowned jewelry and home accessories designer **John Hardy** and so much more.

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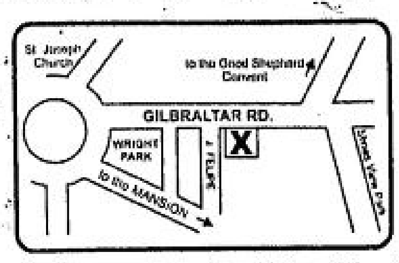

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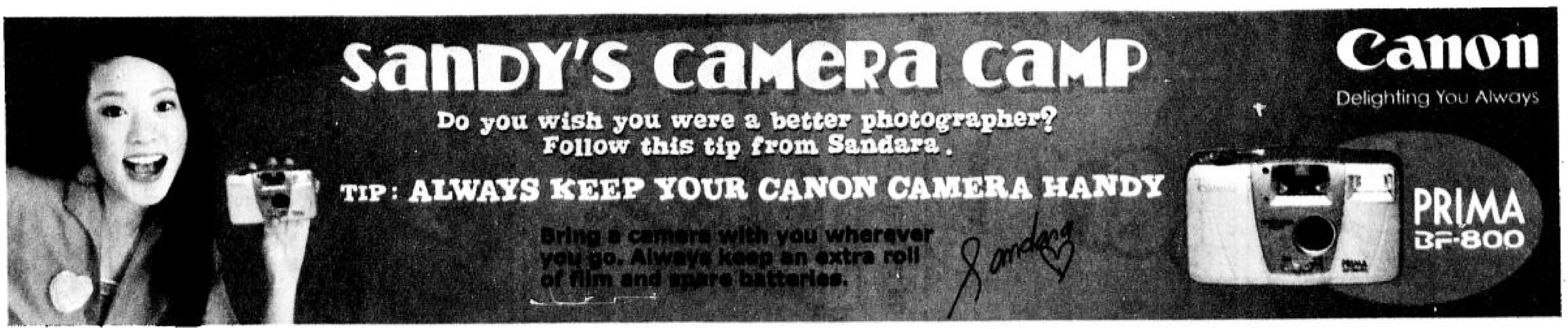

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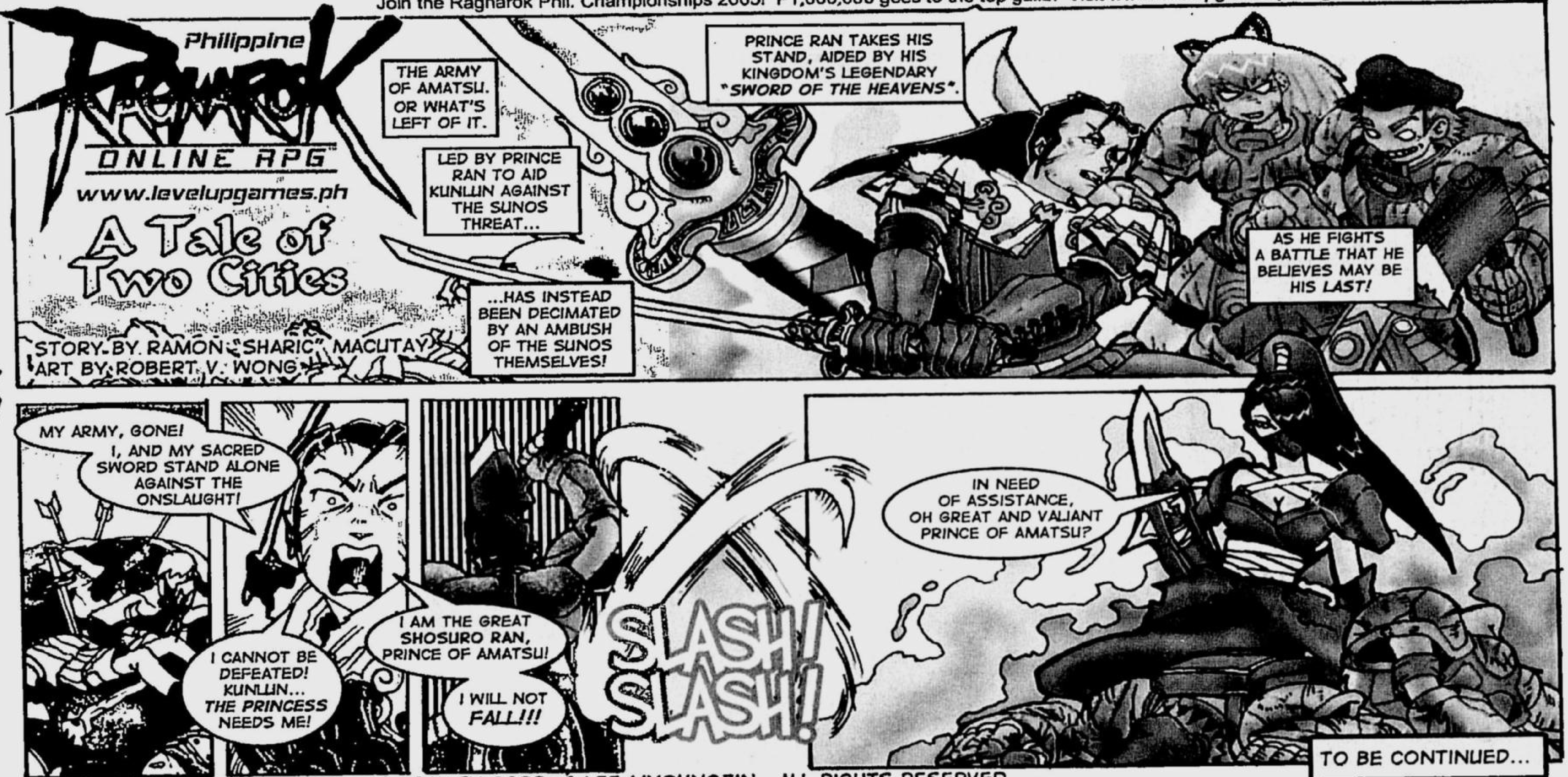
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AS HE FIGHTS A BATTLE THAT HE BELIEVES MAY BE HIS LAST!
MY ARMY, GONE! I, AND MY SACRED SWORD STAND ALONE AGAINST THE ONSLAUGHT!
I CANNOT BE DEFEATED! KUNLUN... THE PRINCESS NEEDS ME!
I AM THE GREAT SHOSURO RAN, PRINCE OF AMATSU!
I WILL NOT FALL!!!
SLASH! SLASH!
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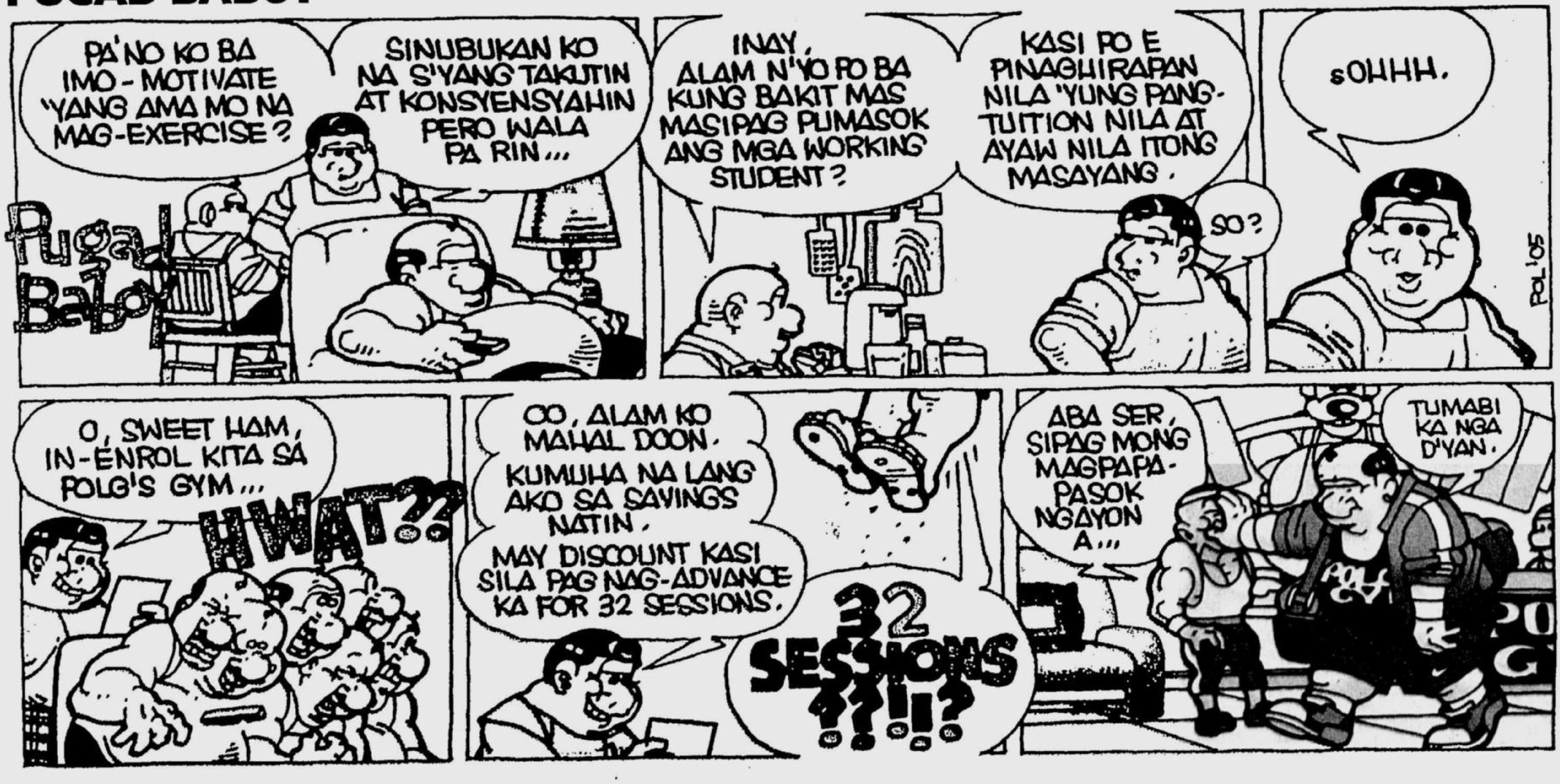
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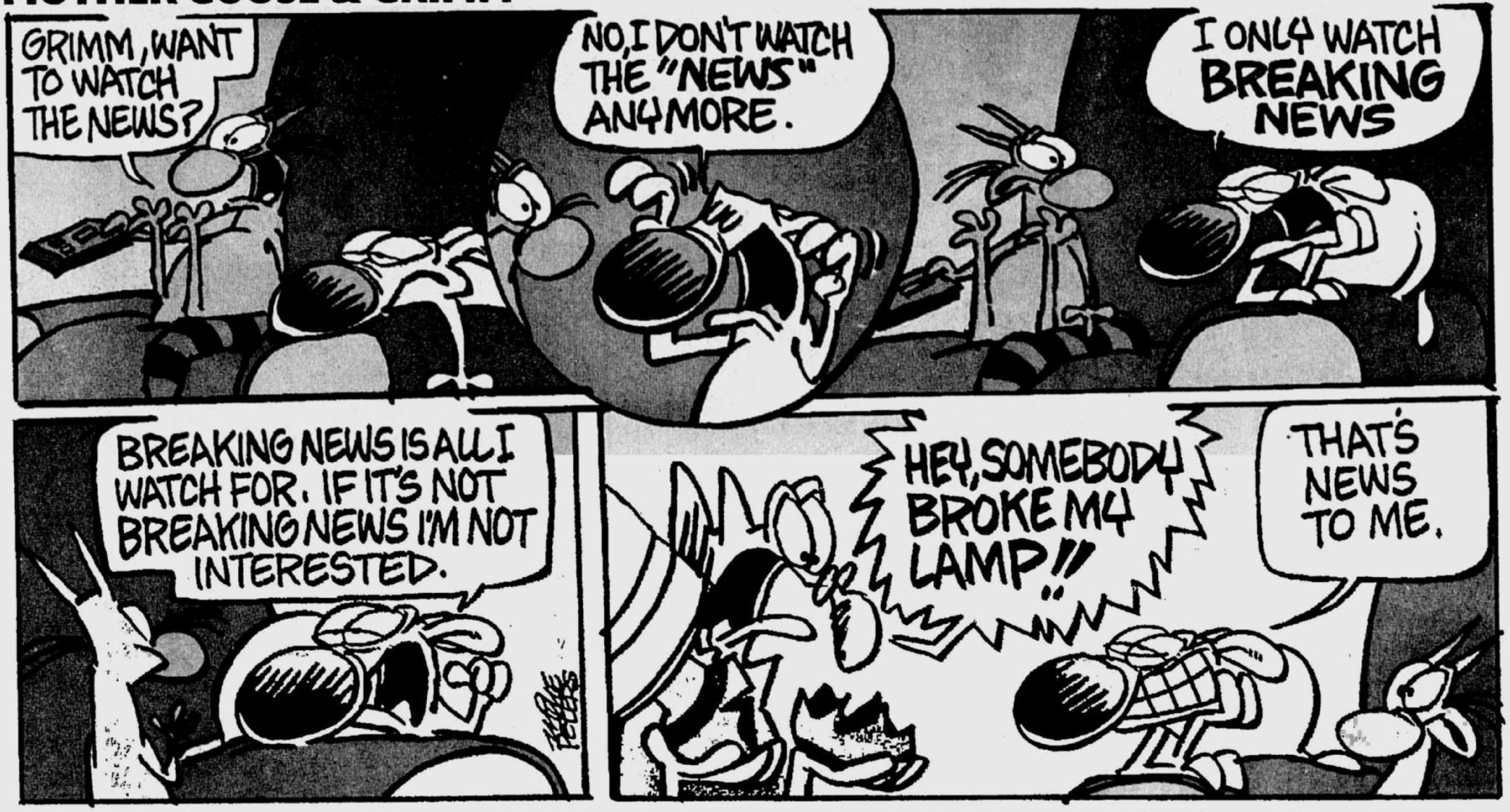
PA'NO KO BA IMO-MOTIVATE 'YANG AMA MO NA MAG-EXERCISE?
SINUBUKAN KO NA S'YANG TAKUTIN AT KONSYENSYAHIN PERO WALA PA RIN...
INAY, ALAM N'YO PO BA KUNG BAKIT MAS MASIPAG PUMASOK ANG MGA WORKING STUDENT?
KASI PO E PINAGHIRAPAN NILA 'YUNG PANG-TUITION NILA AT AYAW NILA ITONG MASAYANG.
SO?
sOHHH.
POL '05
O, SWEET HAM, IN-ENROL KITA SA POLG'S GYM...
HWAT??
OO, ALAM KO MAHAL DOON.
KUMUHA NA LANG AKO SA SAVINGS NATIN.
MAY DISCOUNT KASI SILA PAG NAG-ADVANCE KA FOR 32 SESSIONS.
32 SESSIONS??!!?
ABA SER, SIPAG MONG MAGPAPA-PASOK NGAYON A...
TUMABI KA NGA D'YAN.
POLG GYM

C. FOLLOW THE FOLD TO GET TO

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

BY MIKE PETERS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NO, I DON'T WATCH THE "NEWS" ANYMORE.
I ONLY WATCH BREAKING NEWS
BREAKING NEWS IS ALL I WATCH FOR. IF IT'S NOT BREAKING NEWS I'M NOT INTERESTED.
MIKE PETERS
HEY, SOMEBODY BROKE MY LAMP!!
THAT'S NEWS TO ME.

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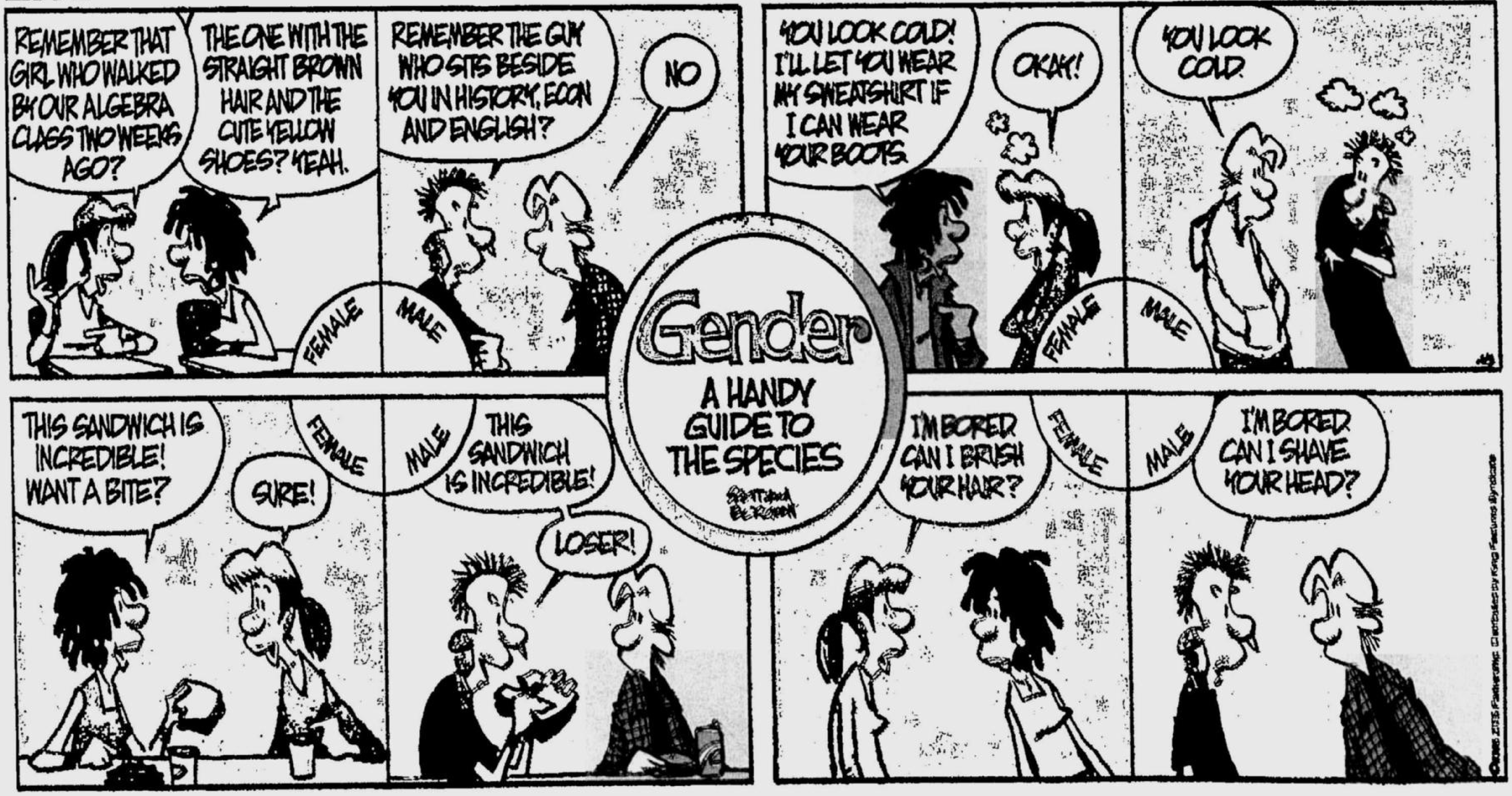
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THE ONE WITH THE STRAIGHT BROWN HAIR AND THE CUTE YELLOW SHOES? YEAH.
FEMALE
REMEMBER THE GUY WHO SITS BESIDE YOU IN HISTORY, ECON AND ENGLISH?
NO
MALE
YOU LOOK COLD! I'LL LET YOU WEAR MY SWEATSHIRT IF I CAN WEAR YOUR BOOTS.
OKAY!
FEMALE
YOU LOOK COLD.
MALE
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THIS SANDWICH IS INCREDIBLE! WANT A BITE?
SURE!
FEMALE
MALE
THIS SANDWICH IS INCREDIBLE!
LOSER!
I'M BORED. CAN I BRUSH YOUR HAIR?
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MALE
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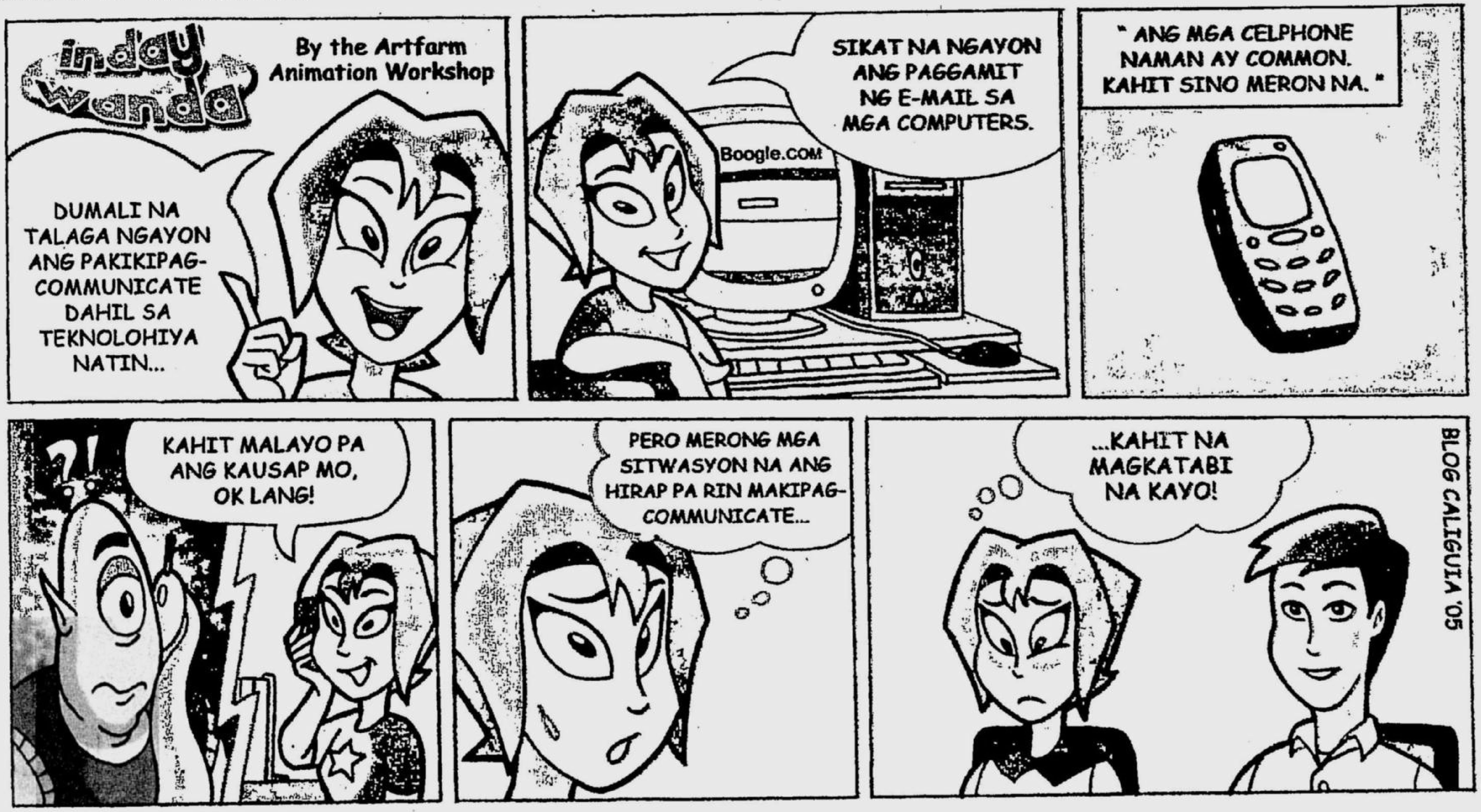
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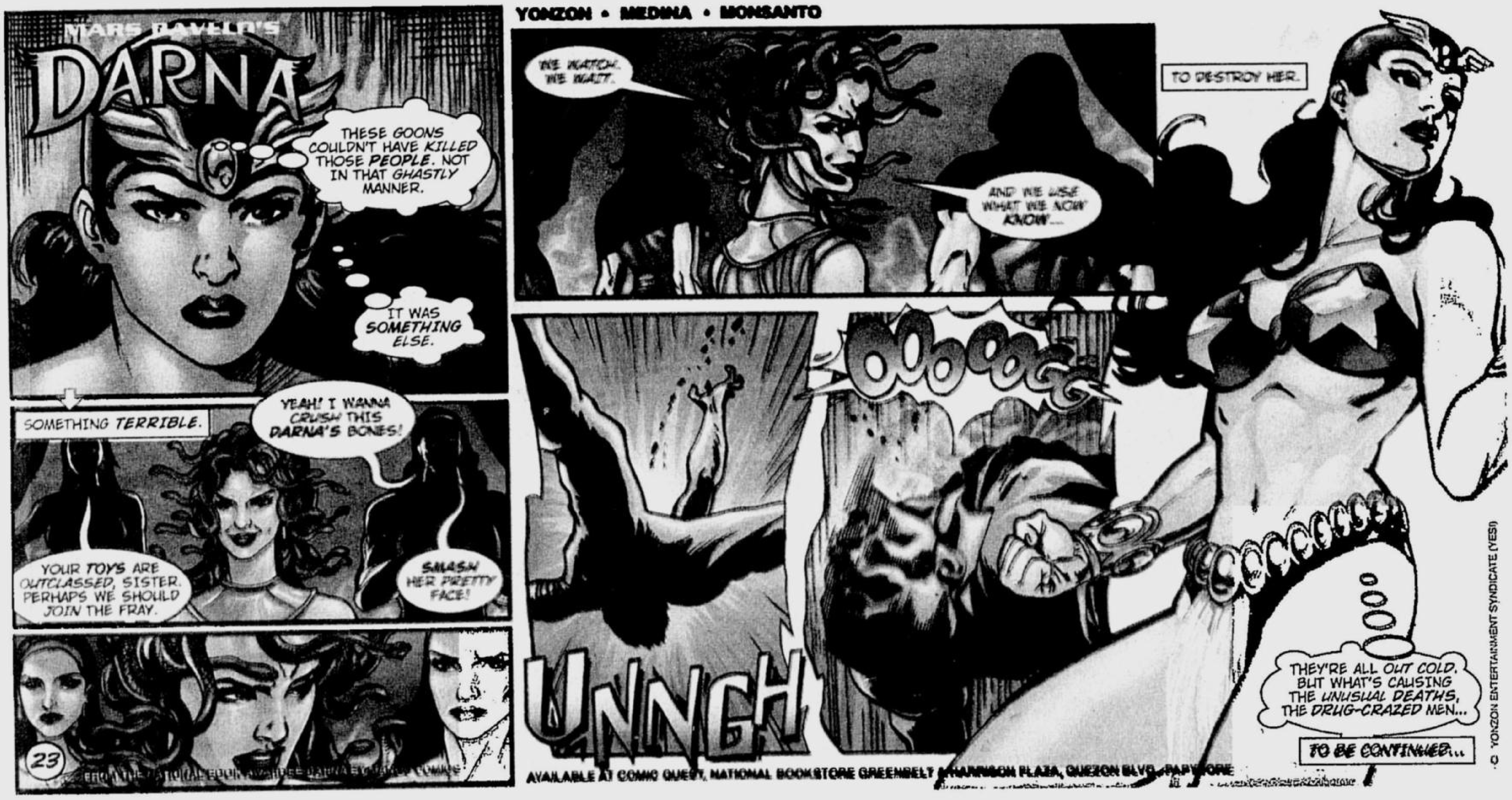
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DARNA
THESE GOONS COULDN'T HAVE KILLED THOSE PEOPLE. NOT IN THAT GHASTLY MANNER.
IT WAS SOMETHING ELSE.
SOMETHING TERRIBLE.
YEAH! I WANNA CRUSH THIS DARNA'S BONES!
YOUR TOYS ARE OUTCLASSED, SISTER. PERHAPS WE SHOULD JOIN THE FRAY.
SMASH HER PRETTY FACE!
23
WE WATCH. WE WAIT.
AND WE USE WHAT WE NOW KNOW...
TO DESTROY HER.
OOOOOGG
UNNGH
THEY'RE ALL OUT COLD. BUT WHAT'S CAUSING THE UNUSUAL DEATHS, THE DRUG-CRAZED MEN...
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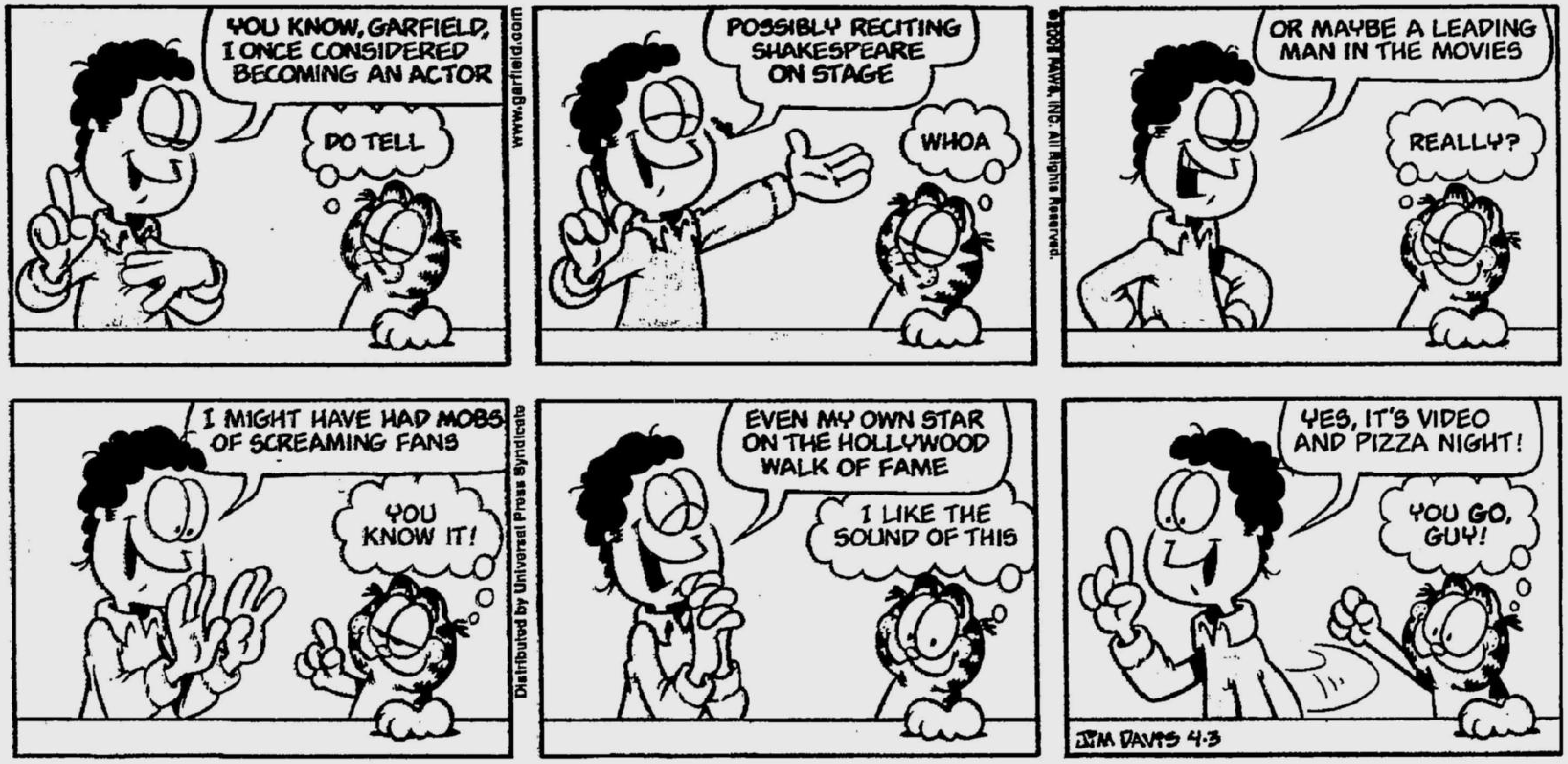
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I LIKE THE SOUND OF THIS
YES, IT'S VIDEO AND PIZZA NIGHT!
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FULL HOUSE

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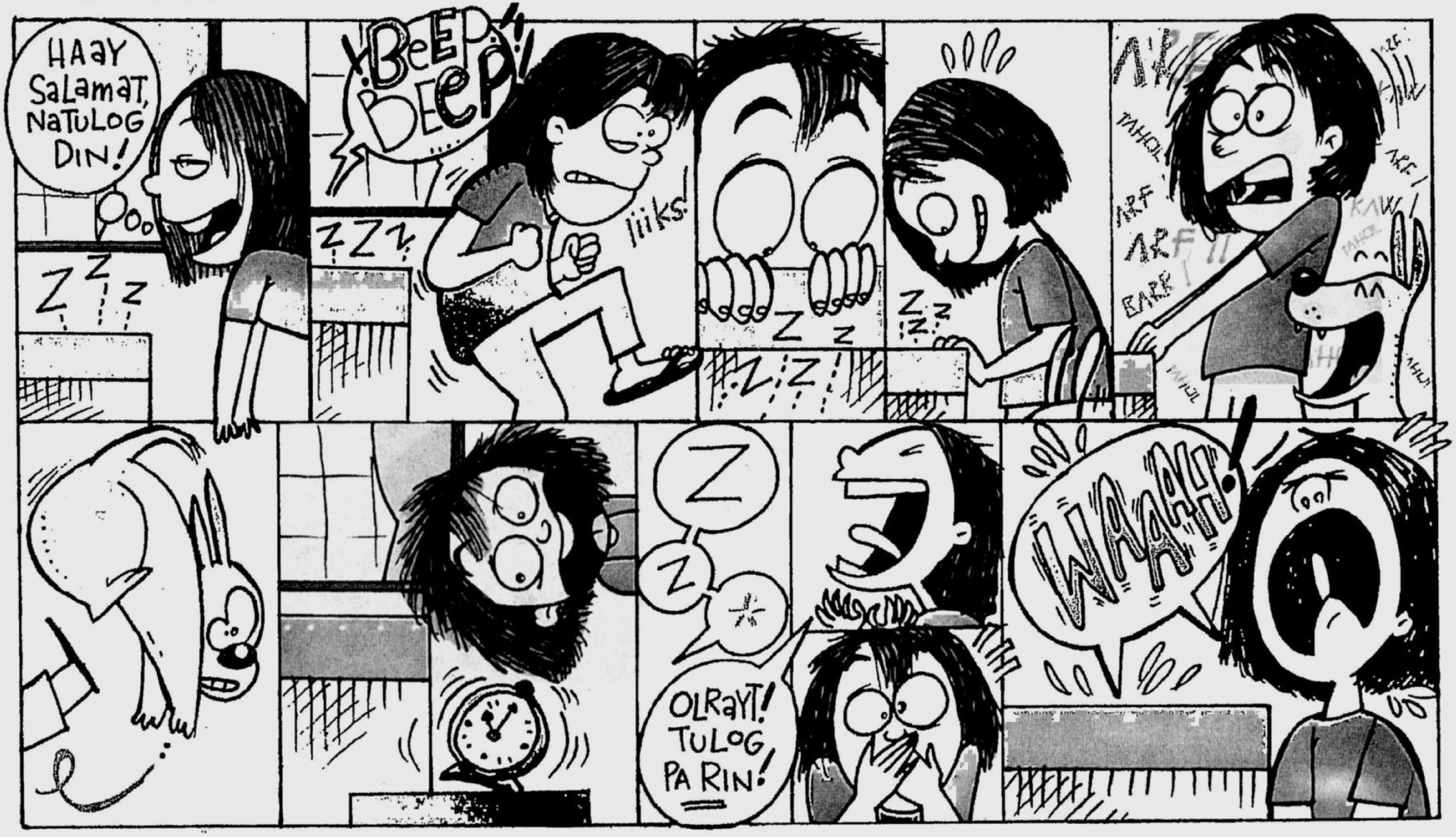
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Z Z Z
BeEP BEEP
Z Z Z
Iiiks!
Z Z
Z Z Z
ARF
TAHOL
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OLRaYT! TULOG PA RIN!
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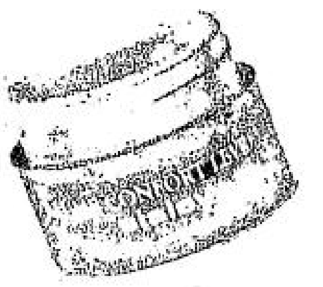

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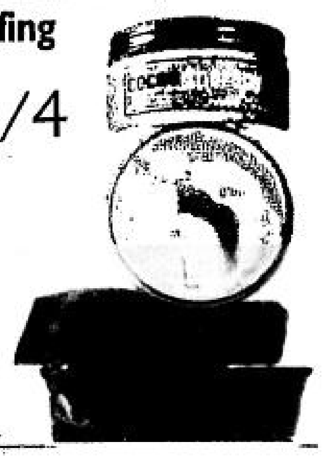

BEAUTY oasis in a mall /8

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Rio Carnival in a bottle

Escada releases a summer fragrance inspired by Brazil's annual extravaganza

By Rowena C. Burgos

THE SUN IS out, the weather's hot and, without a doubt, you want to smell sweet despite the heat. So spritz on Escada's Rockin' Rio and feel the soft warmth of the sun on your skin.

Every year, Escada launches a summer fragrance "that has something to do with leisure," says Mara Ceguera, brand manager, Rustan's cosmetics and toiletries.

This year's new scent, Rockin' Rio, Ceguera says, has been inspired by romantic sunsets, wild beach parties and the Carnival in Rio. "Think of sun-kissed Ipanema girls in the sexiest and most colorful costumes—twirling, laughing, dancing to the music."

Rio de Janeiro's main event happens at the peak of summer. These festivities attract thousands of people from all corners of the world.

"Island resorts in different parts of the globe have been the theme of Escada's summer scents. I just don't know when they'd create one with an Asian setting," Ceguera says.

Rockin' Rio's fruity, floral, citrus infusion blends tropical flowers and juicy fruits—a truly spirited scent. Notes include tangerine, pineapple, papaya, piña colada, sugar cane, bush peach, *dama de noite*, sea breeze, coco juice, driftwood, sandalwood, powder of musk.

The "neon energy" of Rio is captured on the perfume's carton design. One side displays flowers in bright yellow and pink while the other shows a woman in motion. An image in hot pink, her waist is adorned with flowers.

On April 14, Rockin' Rio will be launched in shopping malls. The perfume's target market is young women aged 18-35.

A refreshing spray on this hot day, the limited edition of Rockin' Rio is available until July at Rustan's Essenses. Catch this fruity floral fragrance while you can.

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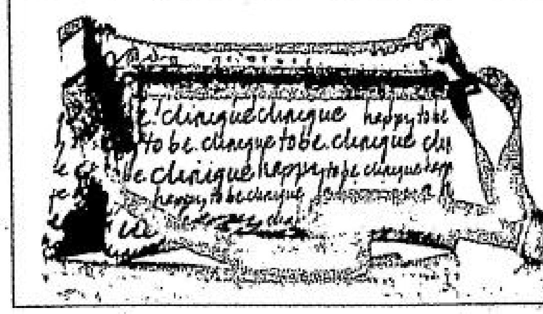

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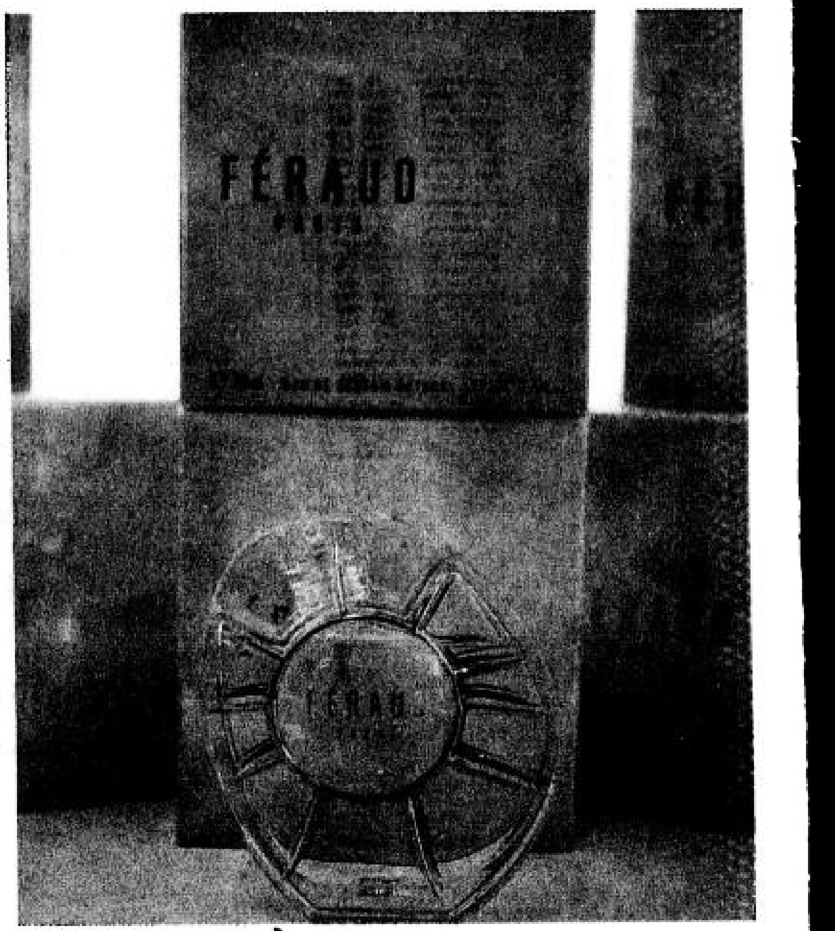
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Scents of self-affirmation

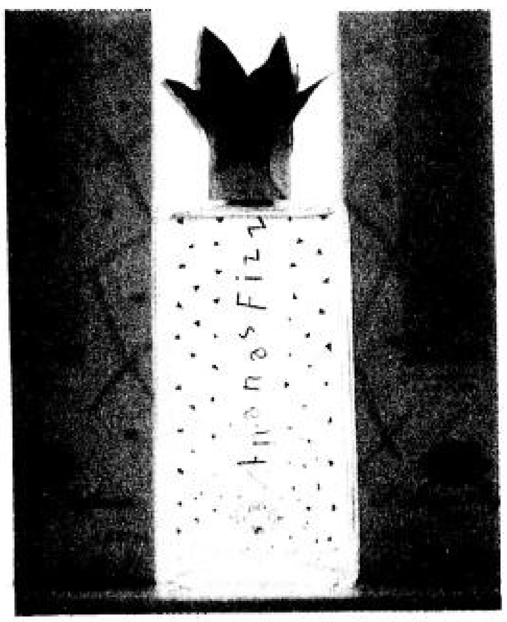
Text by Rowena C. Burgos
Photos by Joseph Agcaoili

LIGHT, soft and sensual scents make good summer picks, but the only true rule for choosing a scent is that it smells good on you and to you.

"Your perfume should reflect your personality, your attitude, even your mood, which means your scent may switch from day to day or from dawn to dusk," says Tanya Reyes-Juliano, brand manager of Prestige fragrances such as Annick Goutal, Acqua di Parma's Blu Mediterraneo, Ines de la Fressange, Feraud and Ananas Fizz.

INES de la Fressange

Annick Goutal is the creator of many of the world's most treasured fragrances. The French perfumer has translated her memories, passions, and most deeply felt emotions into evocative fragrances.


ANANAS Fizz

Some of Annick Goutal's scents include: Les Nuits d'Hadrien, a warm and seductive fragrance which has icy Sicilian lemons warmed with rich vanilla, amber and musk. Its other notes are bergamot, green mandarin, tangerine, sandalwood and Indonesian patchouli.

A truly sparkling, zesty combination of lemon, grapefruit and cypress that evokes the heat of the Mediterranean sun and the coolness of the shade of a lemon tree, Eau d'Hadrien is a fresh scent that's suitable for both women and men of any age.

Eau de Bonpoint bears the name of the prestigious children's clothing brand designed by the creator's sister. A fresh and subtle dew, both discreet and refined, in which neroli, bitter orange, lemon leaf and mandarin orange leaf "celebrate the love between all children and their mothers. This is for all those who love a scent as gentle as a caress," Juliano says.

> A perfume should reflect one's personality, attitude and mood

BLU Mediterraneo

These fragrances by Annick Goutal, Juliano adds, are created without regard for the latest trends or fashions. "They evoke nature and the emotions of passing time."

Ines de la Fressange is a lush blend of white roses and peonies that seduce with its alluring aroma, deep and mysterious iris, zesty mandarin and blackberry finished with rich, lingering neroli, musk and patchouli.

Feraud by Louis Feraud is classified as a refreshing fragrance. This feminine scent possesses a combination of citrus and pears, with flowers, pepper, woods and vanilla.

Ananas Fizz ("pineapple fizz") is the scent of the tropical paradise in your hot summer dreams. Its notes include pineapple, citrus essence (lemon rind, bitter orange, bergamot and pink grapefruit), pure rum, cedar, precious woods, cocoa milk, lychee sap and vanilla.

For Juliano, perfume is certainly about luxury, but it's also about self-affirmation and desire. So whatever you choose to dab on your pulse points, wear it for yourself and no one else.

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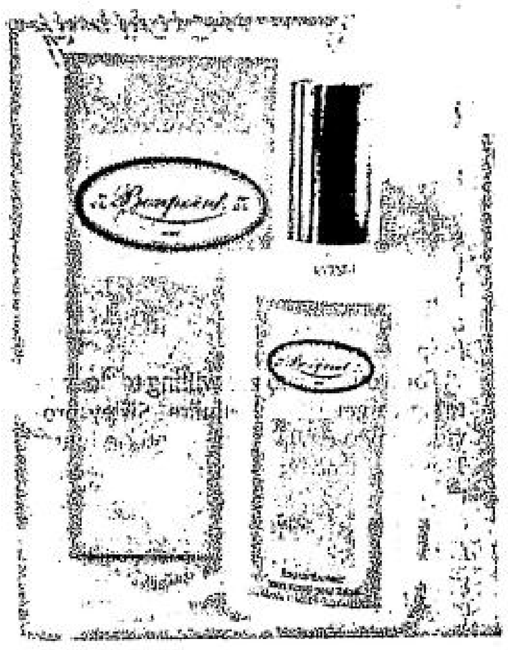
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Sun-shielding wonders

By Rowena C. Burgos

SUMMER has arrived! And that means we need to take special care to protect our largest, and most exposed, organ from the damaging effects of sun, smog, dry air, cigarette smoke, harsh soaps and other chemicals.

If you don't have the time or resources to access the right skin-care professionals, Sisley offers products for your face and body which can help you maintain healthy skin and slow the visible signs of aging.

Start your morning routine with Sisley's Phyto-Blanc Buff and Wash Facial Gel, which prepares the skin before the application of other products in the range.

Next, apply the Phyto-Blanc Lightening Toning Lotion, which should also be used every night after cleansing the skin. This will tone and tighten the pores.

Use Phyto-Blanc White Tensor after the cleanser, toning lotion and day cream. A fluid and non-greasy emulsion gel, it moisturizes your skin and makes it appear "plumped up." The product is also ideal in achieving successful makeup results, as it leaves an invisible elastic film on the skin, ensuring impeccable makeup for hours.

A lightening serum, Phyto-Blanc Clearing Essence with Vitamin C acts on the synthesis of melanin, slowing down its production.

To enable women to fully enjoy the sun, Sisley proffers the Phyto-Sun Care Line, which consists of the Facial Sun Cream SPF 8 and SPF 15; Broad Spectrum Sunscreen SPF 20, 25 and 40; Fluid Body Sun Cream SPF 20; Body Sun Cream SPF 10; Sun Oil SPF 5; Day Cream with sun protection benefits; Self Tanning Gel 1 and 2; and Restorative Facial Cream and Restorative Fluid Body Cream.

Sisleya-Elixir, on the other hand, is an "intensive repair program" to help restore the skin's primary functions and capacity to correct its own deficiencies.

Two hundred and twenty women participated in tests conducted under dermatological supervision by a Clinical Expertise Institute approved by the French Ministry of Health. Using Sisleya-Elixir's one-month treatment program, the following short-term results were observed: overall impression of a "pick-me-up" effect; the skin's surface appears redesigned and plumped up; spectacular anti-wrinkle results; skin looks rested and "stress-free"; skin appears firmer, better-toned and more luminous.

With dry skin often taking a beating in summer, Sisley has launched Sisleya Global Anti-Age to quench thirsty skin all day long. It contains sunflower oil rich in oleic acid which nourishes and revitalizes skin; phytosqualene which has emollient and moisturizing qualities; and glucolipid which moisturizes the upper layers of the skin.

For dry, chapped or cracked lips, try Sisley's Nutritive Lip Balm. With its cocktail of natural plant extracts, this beauty treatment improves the lips' resistance to climatic stress factors. Its plum kernel virgin oil

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NUTRITIVE Lip Balm

HAPPY To Be is for women who are fun and spontaneous. JOSEPH AGCAOILI

Happy sniffing

By Vangie Baga-Reyes

HAPPINESS" comes in threes...

Yes, Clinique unveils its third and latest fragrance for women aptly billed Happy To Be, which captures the essence of happiness on women who exude confidence and contentment.

"Happy To Be is part of Clinique's Happy trio series," says Nadyn Oller, Clinique associate brand manager.

"As it has done with the first two Happy perfumes, Clinique provides its customers with a brand new expression of fragrance and a unique experience when smelling a new scent. Happy To Be is an exuberant fragrance that is a celebration of who you are and your strong sense of self."

Happy, the first fragrance of the trio launched a few years ago, offers a citrusy scent which reminds us of Estée Lauder's Pleasures, Calvin Klein's CK and Gucci's Envy.

Happy Heart, the second perfume released in 2003, has a sharp blend of gentle, floral aromas. Now, Happy To Be is a modern sparkling floral with soft creamy whiff.

"All together, the Happy trio provides three different and distinct scents that appeal to a wide variety of tastes. It appeals to any woman who desires a fragrance with energy, modernity and a new sensuality," says Oller.

Happy To Be (P2,300, 50 ml; P3,400, 100 ml) combines the delicate floral aroma of Hibiscus, Bulgarian Rose and Syringa for a sparkling effect. This blend gives way to a surprising softness of cocoa butter mixed with sandalwood and sesame for an added degree of refinement. The luscious and dewy Pear Natureprint provides a crisp nuance.

Clinique's Happy To Be targets women who are fun and spontaneous, aged 18-25 years old. It can be worn all throughout summer and still be appropriate for the rainy season.

The fragrance is poured into a simple glass spray bottle, which is winsomely decorated with a free-style handwritten "Happy To Be" signature in variations of bright orange tones, which signify the individuality and personal aspect of the scent. A burnt orange cap tops off the flacon.

Clinique Happy To Be is available exclusively at Rustan's Essenses Makati.

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soothes the lips; hazelnut oil and sunflower oil rehydrate and plump them up; kokum butter and shea butter for repair; and natural wax and natural tocopherols for protection.

For women who are willing to do anything to get rid of cellulite, Sisley provides Phyto-Sculpt Global Anti-Cellulite. This product contains soy membrane extracts which increase the production of collagen and elastin fibers, working to reinforce skin firmness and elasticity. Its green tea and red vine extracts also help tone and firm skin.

A family-owned business, Sisley is owned and managed by Count Hubert d'Ornano. His wife, Isabelle, is vice chairman of the board. Their son, Philippe, is executive vice president.

Countess Isabelle d'Ornano shares the concern of many women with her focus on products that help improve the skin's healthy, glowing luminosity and keep it looking young and vibrant.

Sisley's beauty products are available at Rustan's Essenses.

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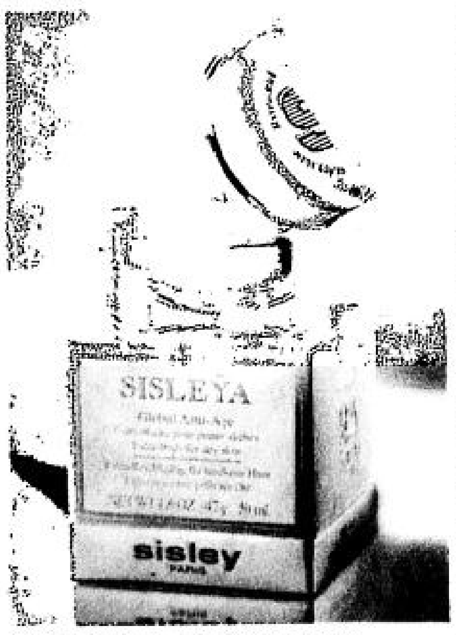
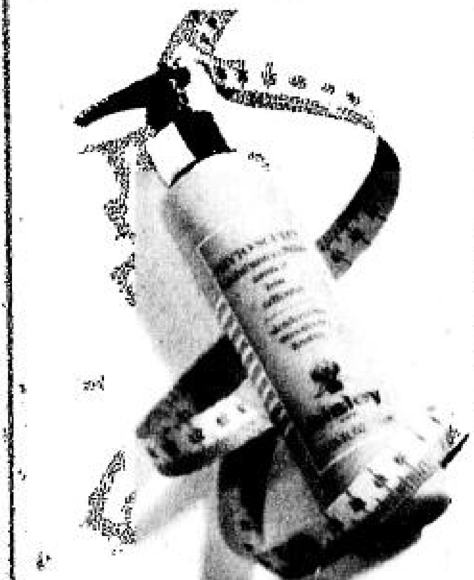


SISLEYA Global Anti-Age cream



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New York's best-kept secret

By Kinny Salas

ANYONE who has read a beauty or fashion magazine would have come across a basic plastic bottle with pink and clear-colored fluid inside. That is Mario Badescu's trademark product, the Drying Lotion.

What most people don't know is that this particular brand has a whole range of skin care for every skin type imaginable.

Romanian-born Badescu founded the Mario Badescu Salon in 1967, bringing his vast knowledge of old-world skin care techniques to a whole new audience. His sophisticated approach to skin care quickly gained him a loyal following.

Requests for his products for use at home led to the development of the Mario Badescu line of premium products that combine natural ingredients and advance technology. The product line works together to cleanse gently and rejuvenate the skin while preventing damage from pollution, aging and harsh climate conditions.

Today, the products are considered among New York City's best-kept secrets, attracting high profile clients like Cher, Liv Tyler, Ashley Judd, Charlize Theron, Queer Eye's Carson Kressley and Sarah Jessica Parker.

Though now owned by a different company, Mario Badescu people remain guided by the founder's dedication to provide effective and gentle skin care based on a foundation of fresh fruits, botanicals and other natural ingredients.

The salon makes more than 200 (yes, you read right) products for all skin types including cleansers, toners, moisturizers, exfoliants and treatments.

I recently met one of their top skin specialists, Loren del Preore, who flew in from New York and gave me an extensive questionnaire to fill out. After assessing my skin as oily and acne prone, she gave me a mini facial using products suited for me. With her voice, hands and bedside manner, I didn't stand a chance. I was practically drooling.

My list of Loren recommended products for my skin type: Enzyme Cleansing gel (P745), a non-foaming cleanser using alpha hydroxyl acid (AHA) to remove dirt, make-up and pore clogging debris that cause breakouts; Cucumber Cleansing lotion (P945) as astringent; oil-free moisturizer SPF 17 (P1,245) for day; Ceramide eye gel (P1,145), which she suggested I keep in the fridge and apply every morning, contains AHA to eliminate fine lines and wrinkles; Glycolic eye cream (P1,145) every evening; Cellufirm Drops (P1,545) for my treatment, which contains collagen rich in Vitamin C for concern related to firmness; Herbal Hydrating serum (P1,845), to be applied on top of my moisturizer for that extra boost.

Occasional treatments include Flower and Tonic mask (P1,145) to refine skin, tighten pores and absorb oil; Kiwi face scrub (P945), as a weekly exfoliant; Apricot body lotion (P595), which I recommend for body massages; and the Buffering Cream (P1,045) to dry and heal large cystic acne, which the famous Drying Lotion (P1,045) can't handle as quickly.

If you want to find out the particular combination for your skin, drop by Essenses at Rustan's, exclusive dealer of Mario Badescu products.

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Mario Badescu products are patronized by such A-listers as Sarah Jessica Parker, Liv Tyler, Ashley Judd, Charlize Theron, Queer Eye's Carson Kressley, and Cher

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Chocolate indulgence minus the guilt

By Pam Pastor

HEADS up, chocoholics. Here's something for you.

Origins is giving people the chance to enjoy chocolate minus the guilt with its Cocoa Therapy Collection, which uses the therapeutic Theobrama Cacao.

For over 2,000 years, civilizations all over the world have relied on the cocoa plant for many things. At one point during the Aztec ages, cocoa beans were so valuable they were used as currency.

Since then, chocolate has long been viewed as a source of strength, stamina, energy, power, passion, health, happiness, wealth and wisdom.

Chuck the myths

Studies on chocolate have proven its goodness. In tests, its flavonoid content has yet to be matched by any other food. Flavonoids, which are found in plant-based food, have antioxidant capabilities to fight against cell-damaging free radicals.

Eating chocolate can make you feel good by increasing your brain's phenylethylamine levels, producing a mild, confidence-instilling buzz. Chocolate also contains tryptophan and theobromine, which can lift your mood, increase euphoria and perk you up.

If you still think chocolate is sinful, read this. A study by Mary B. Engler, PhD, at the University of California in San Francisco which appeared in the Journal of the American College of Nutrition, says that, "the health benefits of cocoa may far outweigh the negative connotation often given to the chocolate."

With its Cocoa Therapy Collection, Origins aims to let you enjoy the benefits of cocoa in different ways. Using every part of the cocoa plant—oil, pod and seed included—Origins succeeded in creating holistic treats to stimulate one's senses.

Key treats

The collection's key ingredients are theobroma cacao, vanilla, lemon, orange and ginger. It also contains added benefits of Vitamins A, B, C, E and minerals like Potassium, Magnesium, Iron, Calcium and Copper.

Take your pick from these treats:

Cocoa Therapy Deeply Nourishing Body Butter (P1,650). Fight your battle against daily dryness with this rich cream. Enhanced with cocoa butter and nourishing theobroma grandiflorum, this body butter provides moisture and helps maintain the skin's youthful appearance.

Cocoa Therapy Total Body Treat (P1,700). Like magic, this smooth salve becomes chocolate silk with a sweep of your fingers. Ease your tense muscles and feel relief from stiffness and aches with this blend of cocoa butter, theobroma grandiflorum, jojoba seed and safflower oils.

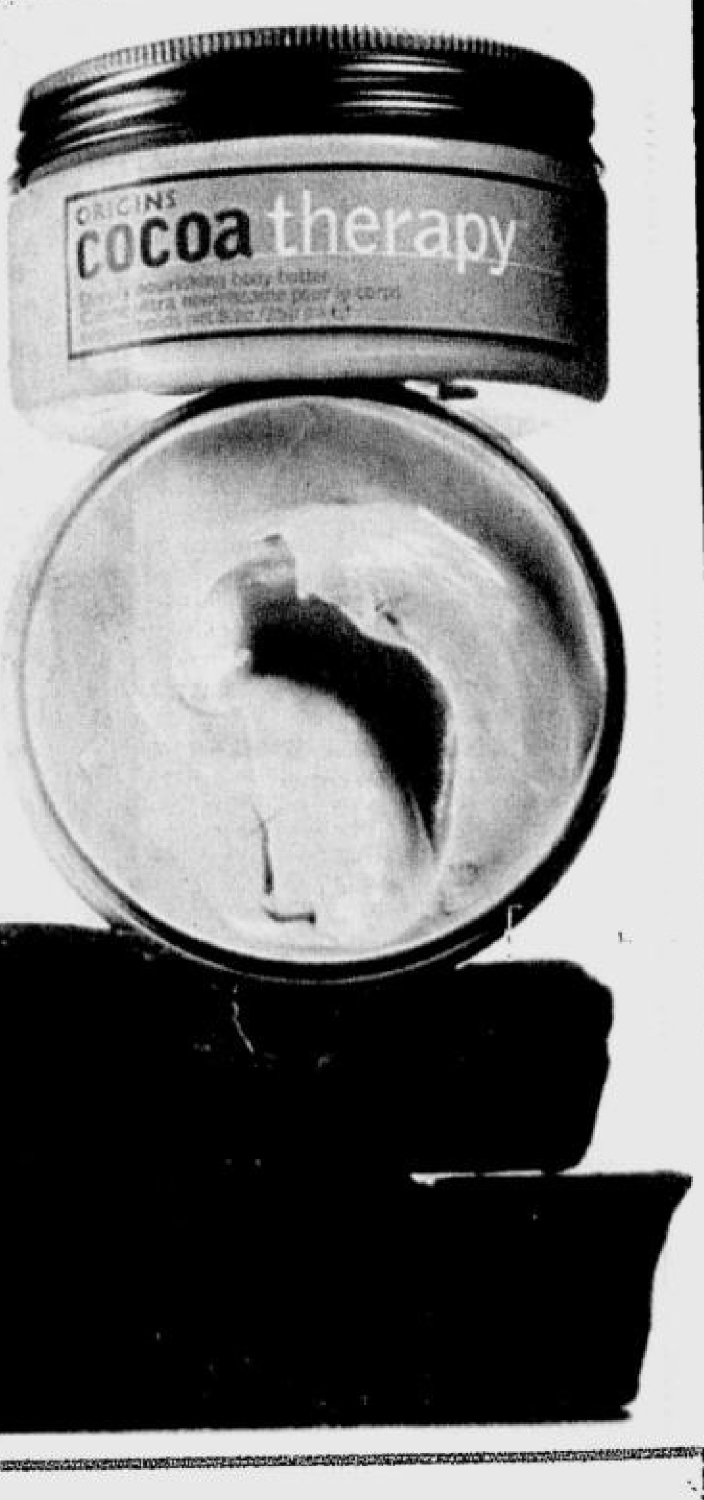
Cocoa Therapy Energy-Boosting Body Bar (P600). Enjoy softness in the shower with this cocoa butter-enriched cleanser. Plant-derived cleansers will leave your skin feeling fresh and spotless.

Cocoa Therapy Body-Buffing Scrub (P1,500). Exfoliate your skin and remove impurities with a delicious mix of cocoa butter, pure cocoa, walnut shells and apricot seeds.

Cocoa Therapy Instant Chocolate Fix (P800). Zap that chocolate craving with this elixir. Carry this chocolate aroma around in your bag for a quick fix whenever and wherever you need it. Roll it on your energy points and give yourself an instant boost.

Origins Cocoa Therapy Collection is available at Origins Store in Rustan's Makati.

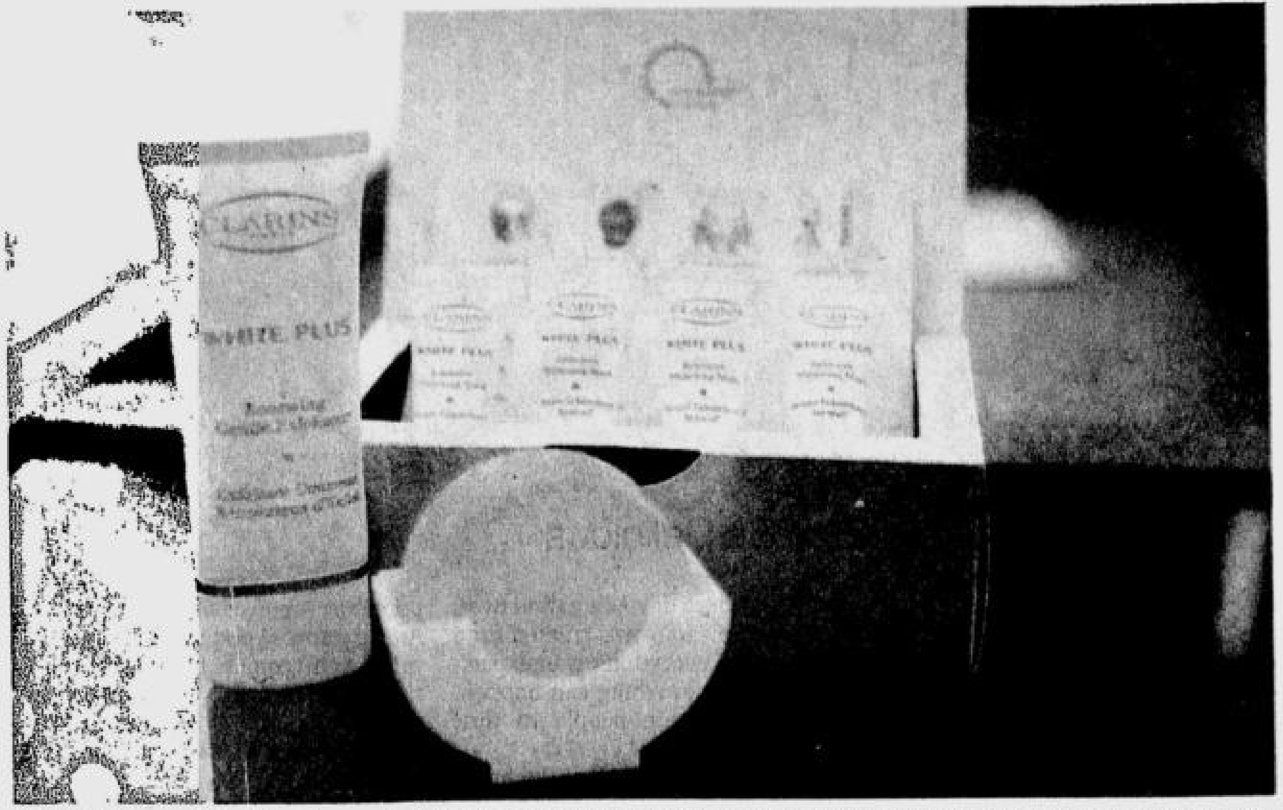
Let your body experience chocolate—without packing in the pounds



Safe whitening in three easy steps

Clarins treatments help improve one's skin texture and even out skin tone while removing impurities

By Vangie Baga-Reyes


CLARINS' essential whitening products: Detoxifying Pure Soap, Renewing Gentle Exfoliator and Intensive Whitening Mask
JOSEPH AGCAOILI

CLARINS has long been one of the leading brands in the whitening skin care line.

Last year, Clarins introduced White Plus, a range of eight whitening skin care products that contain a specially formulated complex called Lock-Around System, which combines Vitamin C derivative and a powerful Raspberry Extract to help give the skin a youthful glow.

These White Plus treatments take into account all factors leading to hyperpigmentation, both those linked to UV rays and those linked to changes in the dermis due to age.

The whitening products include Total Whitening Essence, All Spots Whitening Corrector, Tightening Whitening Lotion, Hydrating Whitening Lotion SPF 20 PA, Repairing Whitening Night Cream, Detoxifying Cleansing Mousse, Purifying Whitening Body Mist and Purifying Whitening Body Mist.

But Clarins has gone even further by producing a more thorough beauty ritual that renews the skin, using water in just three simple steps: cleansing with Detoxifying Pure Soap; restoring with Renewing Gentle Exfoliator; and transforming with Intensive Whitening Mask.

"These simple steps answer the demand of clients who want to improve their skin texture and at the same time even out skin tone while removing impurities," says Patty Madrid, Clarins brand manager.

The combination of these three treatments is said to give better results than any single stand-alone product.

Step 1: Cleansing

For this essential beauty step, Clarins has the perfect product: a round, translucent soap which is colorant and fragrance-free.

The Detoxifying Pure Soap offers a rich, pure foam that has a plant-based origin (coconut oil, palm oil and Gentian). It also has effective whitening active ingredients (chamomile, raspberry and Japanese mandarin).

Simply dip the soap in water and work up a lather in your hands. Apply the lather over the face and massage lightly from chin to jawline, from nose to ears and from the middle to the forehead to the temples. Rinse with cool water. Use the soap every morning and/or evening.

Step 2: Repairing

The Renewing Gentle Exfoliator has a unique white paste containing exfoliating micro-beads which deep-cleanses, evens and whitens the skin. It has a controlled "suction" effect that gently lifts off impurities and deep-cleanses pores without harming or pulling tissues. On top of this deep-cleansing action is the unifying action of Clarins' whitening plant complex.

Simply apply a fine, even layer of the exfoliator to cleansed, preferably dry skin, avoiding the eye contour. Massage gently with circular motions in the direction of the lymphatic circulation, as with the Detoxifying Soap. Rinse well with water and pat dry with a facial tissue.

Step 3: Lightening

The final step of the beauty routine is the application of the Intensive Whitening Mask, which is a cream mask presented in single doses.

Ingredients include plant extracts and micronized White Clay. At the same time, the Clarins Lock-Around System slows down the production of excess melanin and prevents the formation of new dark spots.

To use, apply the contents of one single dose to a thoroughly cleansed and dry face and neck. Leave for 5-10 minutes. Rinse well with cool water. Use once or twice a week.

Clarins White Plus products are available at Rustan's Essenses Makatį.

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The Big Apple in a bottle

DKNY invites you to Be Delicious

By Pam Pastor

We've seen countless tributes to New York—both pre- and post-9/11. We've watched Sarah Jessica Parker and her love affair with the big bustling city in "Sex and the City." We witnessed the stars of "Friends" grow up with it as the background.

Movies, television shows, books, songs—we've seen and heard them all.

But DKNY's new scents may just be the most delicious tribute of all.

DKNY is coming out with two new scents from the Big Apple. Be Delicious is pure seduction in beautiful modern apple-inspired bottles (organic green for her, rich amber for him). Inspired by urban life and created for modern day Adams and Eves, DKNY Be Delicious was created for a world where everything is unexpected and where anything can happen. The scents inspire people to flirt, smile and play.

Featuring a unique American apple note that has never been used by any other brand, DKNY Be Delicious' top note is an energetic blend of dewy green cucumber and sparkling grapefruit. Magnolia gives it an airy heart while its fresh floral feel comes from an exotic hint of tuberose mixed with muguet, rose and violet. Touches of sandalwood, blonde woods and white amber give the scent sensuality.

DKNY Be Delicious Men is a sensual tonic fragrance that brings together luscious apples and aromatic coffees, resulting in zesty freshness and sexy masculine woods. Crisp tart green apple and sparkling coffee *granita* blend for the energetic top note. The soothing mid note is the marriage of warm pomarose apple and African coffee. Ambery applewood and dark-roasted coffeewood complete the scent's irresistible seduction, exuding energy and strength.

The scents will be wrapped in apple nets placed in little wooden crates.

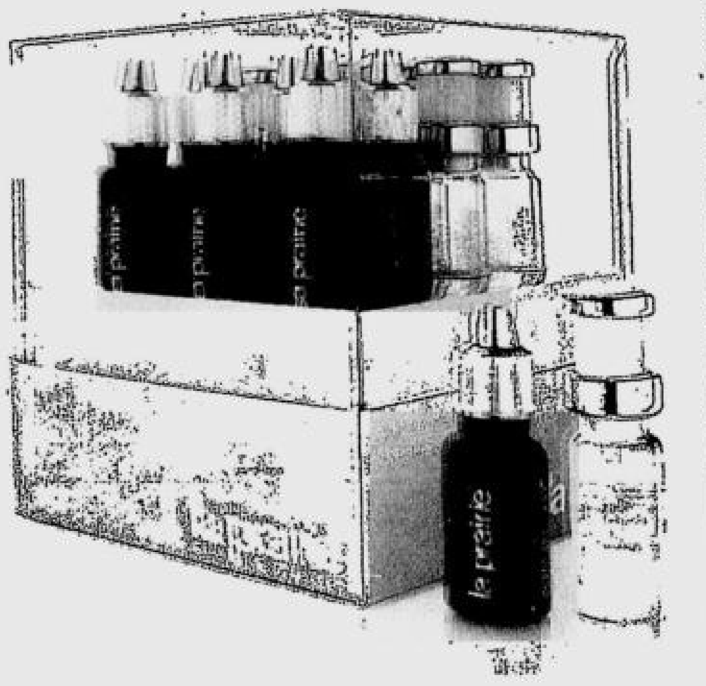
The DKNY Be Delicious Collection for women includes Eau de Parfum (P2,000 for 30 ml, P2,750 for 50ml and P3,800 for 100 ml), Eau de Parfum Roller Ball (P1,700), Body Lotion (P2,000), Lip Gloss (P700), Body Scrub (P1,700) and Deodorant Natural Spray (P1,600).

The DKNY Be Delicious Collection for men includes Eau de Toilette (P2,500 for 50ml, P3,300 for 100ml), After Shave (P2,400), Deodorant Natural Spray (P1,100) and Anti-Perspirant Deodorant Stick (P1,050).

Spritz on Be Delicious, be Adam or Eve and take a juicy bite out of life.

DKNY Be Delicious will be available in Rustan's in May.

DKNY comes out with new fragrances: Be Delicious and Be Delicious Men.



Money well spent

By Cheche V. Moral

A breakthrough La Prairie product treatment may be pricey but at least not as daunting as going under the knife

IT claims to mend damaged skin and slow down the aging process—with instant visible results of diminished lines, smoother and tighter texture and clearer skin tone upon application. Maximum dramatic result is achieved in only six weeks.

The claim isn't exactly new, but just seeing the 12-ampoule preparation of La Prairie Skin Caviar Intensive Ampoule Treatment, you get the sense they can fully back up that claim.

The latest addition to La Prairie's Skin Caviar Collection, the six-week treatment set—six in vivid cobalt plastic bottles and six clear glass vials—seems more like a chemistry laboratory project than a luxurious beauty product.

But the breakthrough product is not as daunting as it looks. Not as much as going under the knife, that is.

The glass vials contain lyophilisate, a highly concentrated antioxidant mixture in freeze-dried powder form that is activated when combined with the liquid nano-emulsion in the cobalt blue bottles.

The lyophilisate is a combination of pure Vitamin C that enhances collagen production, and super oxide dismutase, another antioxidant.

The nano-emulsion, which is many times smaller than atoms to ensure complete skin penetration, according to Roselle Andaya, Rustan's brand manager for La Prairie, is a mixture of essential nutrients, including La Prairie's patented whitening and skin-brightening Cellular Complex and Skin Caviar Extract, and dissolved in Swiss alpine water base. The ingredients stimulate collagen production, hydrate, even out skin tone and banish age spots.

Each serum mixture of one bottle nano-emulsion and one vial of lyophilisate—applied on the face after cleansing day and night—lasts for one week. It suits all skin types, and all ages. The entire treatment must be consistently used for six weeks, and may be repeated up to four times a year. Well, that's if your pocketbook can handle the cost.

For those familiar with the luxurious Swiss brand, you already know the meaning of the phrase "beauty comes at a price." The six-week Skin Caviar Intensive Ampoule Treatment alone costs P33,500. Make that four times a year, and you can do the math.

But if you consider the fact that it's a non-invasive treatment (no blood, thank you very much), and that La Prairie has a cult following among the elite and celebrities all over the world (which one may take to mean it actually works), then what's P134,000 a year but a painless tab for a youthful, radiant and wrinkle-free look?

La Prairie Skin Caviar Intensive Ampoule Treatment is available at Rustan's La Prairie counter.

L'OCCITANE Shea Suncare

PHYTO Plage hair care products

Better than an umbrella

Text by Cheche V. Moral
Photos by Joseph Agcaoili

The market has every imaginable brand of sun-protection product that choosing what works and suits your need is a cinch

THE USE of sunblock is not a seasonal thing. By now, you probably do not need to be reminded of that, what with the many articles already written on the sun's cancer-causing ultraviolet (UV) rays, and the benefits of protecting yourself with sunblock.

The sun's harmful UV rays don't strike only at summertime. Each time you are under the sun, you are a disaster waiting to happen if your skin is left unprotected. Unlike perhaps 10 or 15 years ago, the Philippine market is now saturated with every imaginable brand of sun-protection product that choosing what works and suits your need is a cinch.

Things to consider in making your choice include your lifestyle. If you stay outdoors a lot, it is very prudent to pick a product that's waterproof and high in sun protection factor or SPF (15 or higher). Fair-skinned people burn more easily, so the higher the SPF, the better.

If you have sensitive skin, there are sunblocks specifically formulated for your skin type. Your alternatives may include preparations intended for children, which are usually milder.

Unscented options

Those allergic to strong scents need not fret as there are also fragrance-free options in the market. Some, on the other hand, who may be sickened by chemical-smelling preparations can choose pleasant-smelling products.

Nothing is as icky as streaky sunblock melting on your skin on a hot, sunny day, so pick a product that's oil-free, especially if you intend to apply it on your face. You can also opt to steer clear of creams and lotions, and pick spray-on sunblocks that are typically lighter.

Soothing after-sun products are also a must to counter the sun's ravages on the skin.

Protection for your hair must not be overlooked as it is equally susceptible to the harsh sun's rays.

At Rustan's Essenses, here are some of your choices:

Propoline Suncare Total Sunblock-Acerola Vit. C Face and Body Milk for Children. This SPF 35 sunblock is waterproof and has an anti-aging complex. Created by the Greek company Apitiva, Propoline is hypoallergenic and fragrance-free. (P1,350/150 ml)

Murad SPF 30 Waterproof Sunblock. Intended for the face and body, this one is light on the skin and leaves no unsightly grayish trace, and is formulated for all skin types. This is a fragrance-free, broad-spectrum product, suitable for active outdoor lifestyles. (P1,300/125 ml)

Clarins Sun Care Cream Very High Protection SPF 15. This cream is for outdoorsy individuals as it is water- and perspiration-resistant. It allows you to tan evenly while safeguarding your skin with its Phyto Sunactyl Complex. (P1,260/125 ml)

Clinique Sun Care Body Spray SPF 30. This clear spray is light and disappears quickly on the skin, and leaves a light sheen on the surface. It is unscented. (P1,295/150 ml)

Bobbi Brown Beach Sunscreen for Face SPF 25. From the makeup brand comes this oil-free lightweight cream that's lightly scented with "beach" fragrance-imagine a bouquet of hibiscus. It is water-resistant. (P1,500/50 ml)

L'Occitane Shea Suncare. From body oil to face and body balms and lip balm, the French brand's sun-care line is enriched with nourishing shea butter to soothe and shield skin from sun-caused premature aging.

Dermalogica After Sun Repair. This is a fragrance-free treatment lotion with soothing botanicals that reduce redness and irritation caused by sunburn. (P1,400/104 ml)

Phyto Plage and **Korres** hair care products. They include shampoos, protective spray and after-sun repair products.

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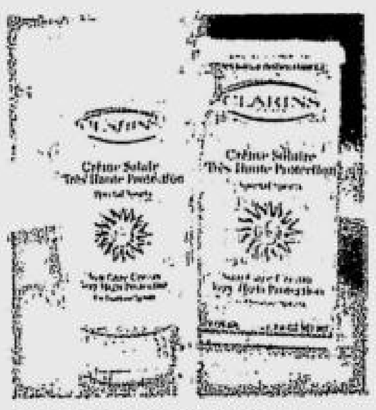

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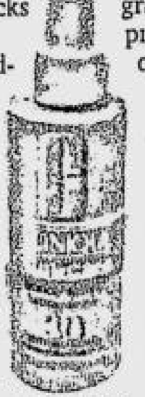

CLINIQUE Sun Care Body Spray

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L'OCCITANE beauty products are formulated for all skin types.
JOSEPH AGCAOILI

OLIVE-BASED skincare items use natural ingredients.

Oily skin you'll love

L'Occitane celebrates the olive harvest with three new products

By Belle V. Bondoc

HOW about olive oil for your skin?

Olive oil gives many health and beauty benefits, says Mirabelle Villanueva of Rustan's Cosmetics and Toiletries Division and brand manager of L'Occitane.

More than just a basic ingredient for pasta and salad, olive oil is also a "wonder" ingredient of beauty concoctions, chiefly promising antioxidant action to combat harmful oxygen free radicals.

L'Occitane, the French brand that carries a whole line of beauty products for the face, hair and body, takes pride in the success of its Olive Oil Line.

This month, L'Occitane, which introduces new products every month to meet the needs of its clientele, celebrates the olive harvest by coming out with three new products carrying the Olive Oil tag.

The products comprise a complete line that offers total, all-around resistance to factors like pollution, smoke and sun which can damage the skin. These are Olive Water Face Toner (P1,075), for deep-cleansing; Radiance Moisturizing Cream (P1,647), to replenish moisture levels and smoothen skin; and Express Radiance Mask (P1,795), to even out skin tones and eliminate impurities.

Finest ingredients

Like other L'Occitane items, the Olive Oil Line was created using the finest ingredients. It uses natural, non-animal derivative, botanic formulas blended through ancient and latest scientific procedures from the Mediterranean. None of the items was tested on animals.

Their active ingredient is a natural extract known as Olive Water. Extremely rich in polyphenols, it acts as a free radical scavenger which is almost twice as powerful as Vitamin E in protecting cells against deterioration.

With the combination of hyper-oxygenated olive oil and olive water, the new products can restore radiance and balance to the skin.

"It has always been a false impression that olive oil works only for those who have dry skin," says Villanueva. "Absolutely wrong--because products that contain olive oil also work basically for those with normal skin."

Non-drying

Villanueva says what's good about them is they don't dry the skin unlike those that contain alcohol.

Villanueva personally recommends the Olive Radiance Moisturizing Cream, a nourishing cream that can be used for daytime and nighttime.

Comparative tests show the anti-free radical action of the Olive Radiance Moisturizing Cream is superior to that of a similar cream without olive water or hyper-oxygenated olive oil. The cream's defense capability against free radicals is three times higher in the new formula.

Clinical tests involving 23 individuals showed that after three weeks of use of the Olive Radiance Moisturizing Cream, the skin of 84 percent of the subjects was better protected against the harmful effects of pollution. For 65 percent, skin radiance and balance were restored.

These products are formulated for all skin types and competitively priced.

A caveat, though: It is important to check how your skin reacts to a product. No two skins are alike. So a product designed for the same type may make someone's skin glow, but cause irritation in another. A dermatologist can help you know what kind of skin you have and what products you should use.

L'Occitane products are available at Rustan's Essenses.

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MURAD Center's receiving area

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CLIENTS can savor the sense of exclusivity while in the treatment room.

An OASIS of well-being in a mall

Inside the Murad Center for skin treatment, you can easily forget you are in a shopping center

Text by Belle V. Bondoc
Photos by Joseph Agcaoili

AT THE fifth level of Rustan's Glorietta 4 in Makati is a newly opened skin treatment institute, the Murad Center.

The place is quite small and cozy and has an atmosphere like that of a spa. Inside the Murad Center, it is easy to forget you are in a mall.

Quiet and very classy, the center's ceiling and walls are painted to look like the night sky and the lights are arranged and dimmed to enhance that effect.

The center has just enough space for reception desk, small lounge for clients, consultation area (at the side entrance), changing room, staff room and four treatment cubicles.

The scent of aromatherapy oils greets you as you enter the treatment area, immediately helping you relax. Soft, calming music plays in the background, giving you a feeling of serenity and well-being as you lie on the treatment bed.

Since, Murad Center has only limited treatment rooms, it is important to make an appointment for treatments.

Personalized

According to Christine Arriola, Rustan's cosmetics and toiletries manager and brand manager for Murad, the center provides clients the optimum in facial care.

Personalized facial treatments were formulated by Dr. Howard Murad, renowned dermatologist and the institute's founder.

The treatments include the new Resurgence Renewal Facial (P2,400), also known as anti-aging facial combined with AHA (alpha hydroxy acid) Rapid Exfoliator. It is designed to counter loss of elasticity and dull skin associated with hormonal changes during menopause.

The treatment helps one fight aging even before it starts. It promises more radiant, visibly smoother and refined skin after just one treatment.

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The unique combination of antiseptics and anti-inflammatory soothes redness and reduces skin irritation.

At the Murad Center, five highly trained therapists attend to clients' needs. They were taught to do manual extraction during deep-pore cleansing because the center doesn't allow the use of metal instrument in unclogging the pores.

"But in severe cases of acne breakouts and pigmentation, we have a board-certified dermatologist who does extraction," says Arriola.

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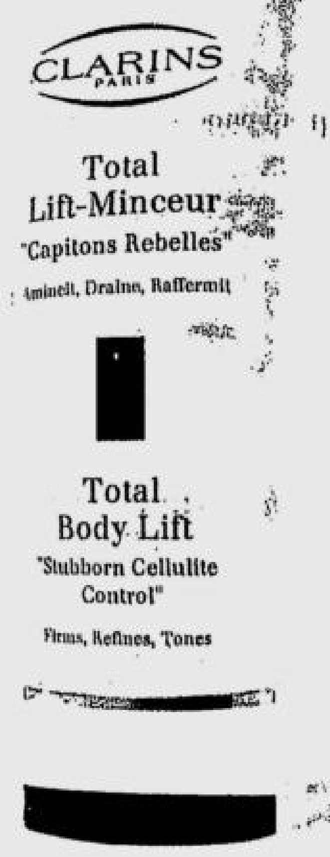

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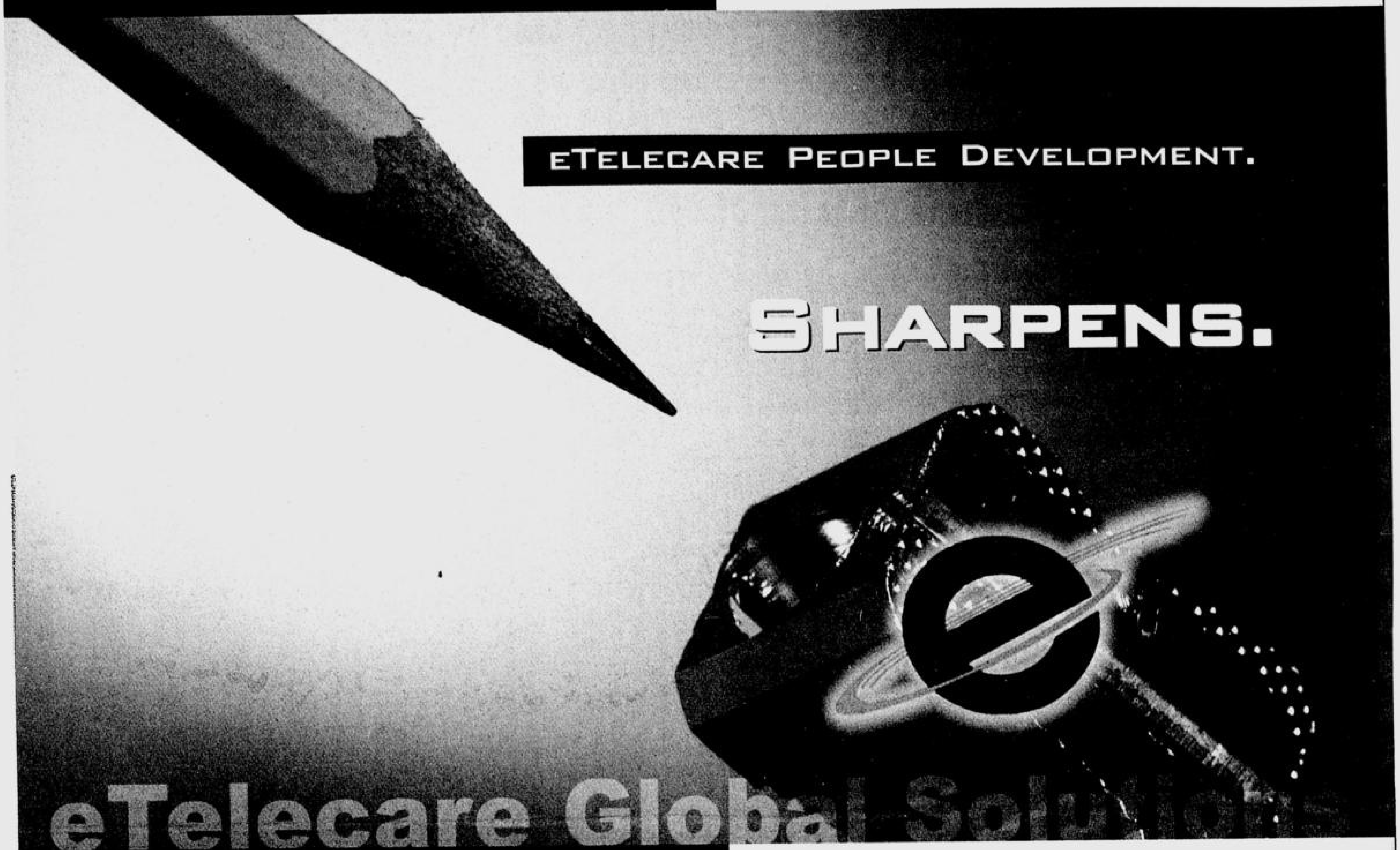

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- Outbound Sales Associate
- Inbound Sales Associate (preferably with experience)
- Multilingual Customer Service Associate (French, Japanese, Portuguese, Dutch, Russian)
- Site Director

Finance
- Internal Audit Manager

Information Technology
- Project Manager
- Senior Analyst
- Senior Programmer
- Business Analyst

Corporate Growth and Planning
- Contract Quality Assurance Manager

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Operations
- Quality Assurance Manager
- Team Leaders
- Quality Assurance Associate
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You will play a key role in organizing and directing company's resources to efficiently and effectively manage process automation projects; ensuring that the project/site installation engineering and design are well executed, and projects are delivered according to agreed timelines; as well as understanding business contracts, budgets and desired quality whilst achieving high customer satisfaction. You will also work closely and negotiate with suppliers, sub-contractors as well as customers to optimize project costs and quality.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with related experience in managing instrumentation projects, and be familiar with requirements of major MNCs in the oil and gas industry. Those who are primarily involved in engineering and installation design, and on-site installation may be considered for the post of Site Manager. A good knowledge and/or hands-on experience in Distributed Control System (DCS), SCADA, sub-systems and field instrumentation are important.

PROJECT CONTROL MANAGER

You will be responsible for managing the department resources to support all projects on project control and administration. You are expected to set up systems and work procedures for project controls and administration including planning, costing, document control, reporting, close out, document trial, change management, materials management and invoicing, etc.

You are also expected to establish master project plan, project control procedures, cash and funds flow statement, manpower control and work breakdown structures; as well as set up appropriate weightages and basis for progress measurements.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with related experience in project administration in the oil and gas industry, as well as contracts review and interpretation.

SENIOR/SALES MANAGER (MAJOR PROJECTS)

You will work in an international team to source and secure major industrial automation projects for the organization. You will also interface with major international end-users and EPCs, while working in unison with worldwide affiliates.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with good understanding of international industrial automation market and related experience in selling industrial automation projects in a global environment. Experience in managing large-scale industrial automation projects will be an added advantage. You must have an extraordinary sales flair and excellent interpersonal skills.

SALES MANAGER

You will take sales leadership on major upstream oil and gas opportunities assigned. You are also expected to explore and develop new opportunities, achieve sales targets and provide support to regional offices.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with good understanding of the upstream oil and gas industry. Knowledge of application and process is important. To excel in this role, you must be aggressive and pro-active with a good working attitude.

SALES MANAGER/ENGINEER (POWER)

You will be responsible for development and management of customer relationships in the Asian region, specifically in the power and automation industry. This will involve presentations, meetings and team management for projects under your control. You may also be involved in proposal preparation.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with related experience in sales engineering of DCS for Power & Boiler Automation. Working experience in South East Asia and/or the Middle East will be an advantage. Candidates with more experience will be considered for a senior position.

SCADA PROJECT MANAGER/ENGINEER

You will be responsible for the supply of hardware, software, engineering and site commissioning from RTU, and telecommunication to host system located in central control room. You will also participate in the integration, loading, configuration and testing of SCADA, networking and communication hardware and software.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with related experience in project execution and management. You should be familiar with SCADA, network and telecommunication. Preference will be given to those with experience in oil and gas, pipeline or any other process control environments. This role commands an independent and self-motivated person, with strong project management and communication skills.

SYSTEM MARKETING MANAGER/ENGINEER

You will support the Marketing team in all marketing and promotion activities, both locally and regionally. Your responsibilities include conducting Distributed Control System (DCS) and Network Control System (NCS) demonstrations and presentations to both internal and external customers. You are expected to set up/update our demonstration system when there are new releases. Playing a regional role, you will also support the Sales & Marketing team in the region on all technical matters relating to Control Systems with conventional and Fieldbus technologies.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with related hands-on experience in DCS system engineering. Working knowledge of chemical processes, PLC, various Fieldbus, OPC and industrial IT will be an added advantage. You must also have the aptitude for conducting system demonstrations/presentations and other marketing-related work.

MARKETING MANAGER/ENGINEER (R&D)

You will be responsible for representing our Manufacturing Execution System solutions for the process automation industry; working with customers to assess their needs and validate product specifications; developing strategic plans, performing gap and competitive analysis; as well as developing forecast revenue for industry solutions. You are expected to obtain a good understanding of industry requirements and trends; as well as make partnership, merger and acquisition recommendations. You will also represent our clients in industry events and professional societies; as well as co-ordinate with various departments for industry-related requirements to ensure clarity of requirements and prioritization of product features.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with related experience in a techno-economic or software environment in the process control industry. You should have an in-depth understanding of the process control industry and its technology development; as well as be able to advance a sales cycle with competence and promote business opportunities. To excel in this role, you should also have excellent business analysis skills for product strategy development and customer value proposition definition.

LEAD ENGINEER (ADVANCED PROCESS CONTROL APPLICATIONS)

You will be responsible for advanced process control application development, project development and implementation, and ongoing technical support. You are expected to identify opportunities where these applications will improve customers' process efficiency and operational consistency. You also need to assist in application validations in meeting all requirements and site commissioning; as well as achieve ultimate quality standard to meet all design review and internal audit requirements.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with related experience in advanced process control project execution. You must be competent in graphical operator interface software with thorough knowledge of networking advanced process control platforms. You should also be able to effectively interface with other engineering disciplines/organizations, plant operations and senior management level.

LEAD PROJECT ENGINEER

You will be responsible for the integration of both Distributed Control System (DCS) hardware and software engineering work, as well as with other sub-systems.

You will have the opportunity to interface actively with customers and EPC/end-users on all technical fronts. As the project leader, you will carry out proper planning and execution of integration/engineering works as well as technical quality checks throughout project execution. In addition, you will provide leadership to other Engineers and supervise them to execute various phases of project implementation from initial meeting to site commissioning.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with related experience in project/integration engineering work involving DCS, PLC and other sub-systems. Good working knowledge of hardware configuration of DCS; as well as the ability to read and understand P&ID and other related documents are important. Those with experience in Foundation Fieldbus engineering and Remote Instrument Building (RIB) will have an added advantage.

LEAD SYSTEM ENGINEER

You will be responsible for system (application software) engineering activities for the Distributed Control System. As the System leader, you will also be responsible for preparation of basic and detailed design specifications to provide value-added engineering solutions to meet EPC/end-users' expectations; including ensuring that software engineering (generation/debugging) activities meet internal audit requirements and managing system engineering schedule to meet the system delivery schedule.

You will interface actively with EPC/end-users on all technical fronts and lead other Engineers to execute various phases of project implementation from initial meeting to site commissioning; achieve ultimate quality standard to meet all design review and internal audit requirements; as well as manage project schedule to keep to the delivery schedule.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with hands-on DCS engineering working experience, including considerable experience in a lead role. Good working knowledge of computer networking and DCS application configuration, with the ability to read P&ID/EFD are a must.

PROPOSAL ENGINEER

You will be responsible for interpreting our specifications and preparing system proposals for the Distributed Control System; as well as discussing and presenting solutions, and performing product presentations to customers.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with related experience in design/detailed engineering of instrumentation system with DCS/PLC/Panels/SCADA and Fire & Gas system. You must be well-versed in PC packages, including AutoCAD; and able to work independently to study customers' specifications and propose suitable solutions. Experience in engineering and site installation will be an added advantage.

MODELLING ENGINEER (OPERATOR TRAINING SIMULATION APPLICATIONS)

You will provide a wide variety of interfaces to real-time databases and develop customized operator training simulation applications. You are also required to ensure project management/engineering standards are implemented at all times, timely shipment of projects and successful commissioning at customer sites. In addition, you are accountable for documentation; and providing technical support, maintenance and service.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with related simulation experience; as well as a wide variety of modeling and actual plant experience in an industrial environment. You should be familiar with various modeling software, with hands-on exposure in control systems and solution packages.

This role commands a professional who is able to effectively interface with other engineering disciplines/organizations, plant operations and senior management level; as well as possesses strong analytical and communication skills.

APPLICATION SOFTWARE ENGINEER (PLANT INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM)

You will be required to understand our customers' business requirements and specifications to improve safety and productivity of plant operations. You will also provide consultation in the development of critical information systems by conducting feasibility studies and analysing customers' business needs. In addition, you will handle project implementation in delivering the best solution to meet service quality standard and customer satisfaction.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with related experience in software design and application development. You must be strong in software programming; as well as possess technical competence in using .Nets and ASP linked with relational databases such as Oracle and SQL server.

SENIOR/SOFTWARE R&D ENGINEER

You will be responsible for implementing various software products and developing software applications on Windows. You will also run software unit tests and ensure software documentation for all projects.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with proficiency/training in software and related experience in a software development environment using object-oriented methodology. Knowledge of the full implementation cycle of application software programming using VB, Visual C/C++, Power Builder, VB.net, C#.net, etc. is important; whilst Visual C/C++ experience is a must. You should also possess an in-depth knowledge of relational databases such as Oracle and SQL server. Fresh graduates with good C++ knowledge are welcome to apply.

SOFTWARE QA ENGINEER

You will be responsible for software quality to analyze and improve the software development process for various software products developed on the Windows platform.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with proficiency/training in software, and related experience in a software development or software quality assurance environment. Knowledge of software process engineering based on the methodologies such as RUP or CMM/CMMI is a must. In addition, you should possess skills in estimating and improving the software development process. Skills of estimation and analysis on an actual software development project according to the metrics definition are also required. Knowledge of software development based on the UML is important; whilst knowledge of relational databases such as Oracle or SQL server is desirable.

SOFTWARE APPLICATION ENGINEER

You will design, develop and maintain software applications for solutions used in the process industries.

You should possess a relevant tertiary qualification with proficiency/training in software, and related IT experience in developing GUI and RDBMS applications. You must be competent in Visual Basic and/or C++, object-oriented design/programming and database design. Knowledge of COM/DCOM and .NET Framework will be an added advantage.

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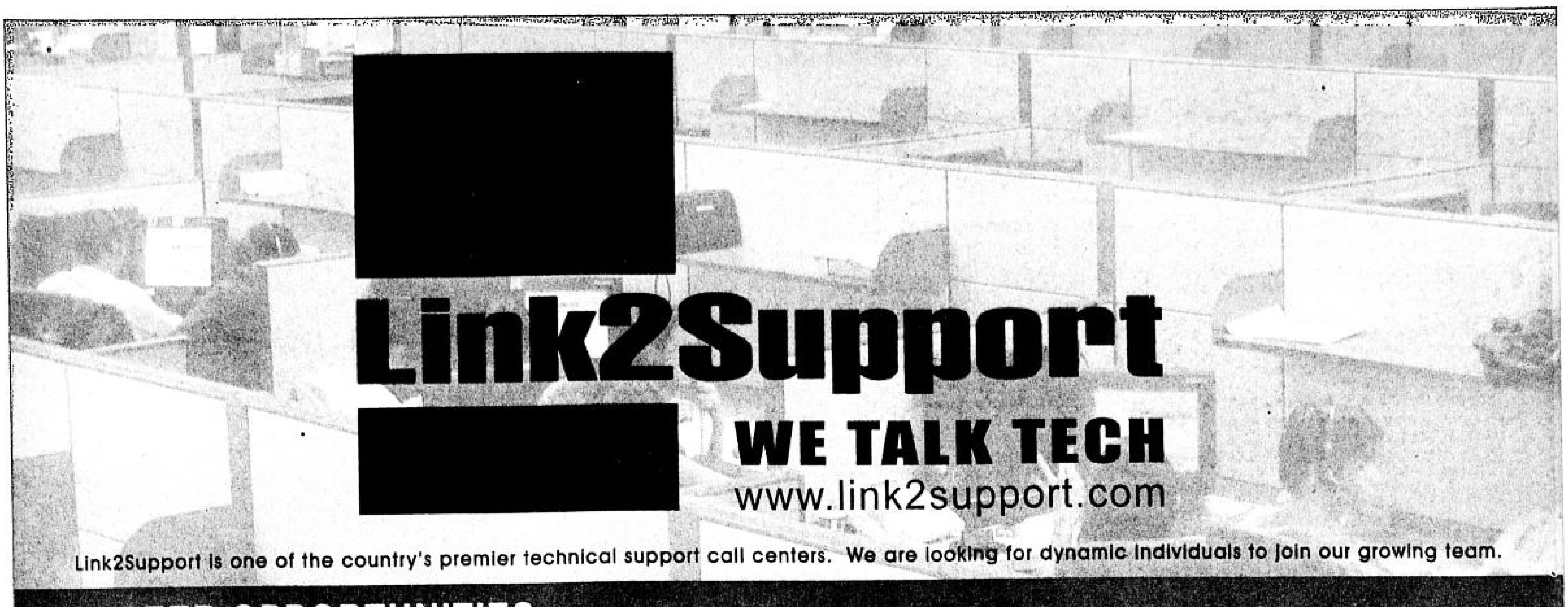

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To manage the production performance of all product support teams in the Contact Center Operations

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science/Engineering/ECE and other IT/Engineering related courses supplemented by an MBA or other related degree from a reputable school
- Progressively responsible experience in call center management (preferably in a tech support environment), 2 years of which in a managerial level

ASSISTANT MANAGER FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

To assist in developing human resource programs, policies and procedures on recruitment, compensation and benefits, employee relations, and organization development

- Bachelor's Degree in Behavioral Science or any related course supplemented by relevant MA Units
- At least 5 years work experience in human resource and administration/ development functions, 3 years of which in a supervisory/managerial capacity

ASSISTANT MANAGER FOR ACCOUNTING

To assist in planning and directing accounting activities by developing, administering and maintaining accounting systems and related procedures, corporate books of accounts and other accounting records

- Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, supplemented by MBA units
- At least 5 years work experience in accounting, 3 years in a supervisory capacity
- Certified Public Accountant

SOFT SKILL TRAINERS

To conduct continuous training and development programs for the trainees and Product Support personnel by formulating soft-skill training programs to enhance english language proficiency

- Candidate must possess a Bachelor's Degree in Mass Communication or related discipline
- At least 1 year training experience, preferably in a call center industry
- Excellent communication skills both written and oral

TECHNICAL TRAINERS

To conduct continuous training and development program for the trainees and Product Support personnel by formulating and facilitating technical training programs to enhance product knowledge and skills.

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- Ten years (10) of progressively responsible experience in the call center industry and other related fields, 5 years of which in a managerial capacity.
- Working knowledge of scheduling/forecasting and quality assurance; outage management and disaster recovery; and adept at managing a workforce of 1000 or more personnel.

QUALITY ASSURANCE SUPERVISOR

To coordinate the Customer Satisfaction initiatives of the organization

- Bachelor's degree in any Computer/Engineering, (preferably Industrial Engineering) or other related sources
- At least 2 years experience in performing related duties and functions

SENIOR MACROMEDIA FLASH DESIGNER

Responsible for creating top quality websites, flash presentations, interactive movies, and other flash enabled products for our company and international clients.

- Graduate of Bachelor's Degree in Fine Arts or computer related courses
- At least 3 years experience in Flash Designing with great skill in design tools such as Adobe Macromedia etc.

SENIOR NETWORK SPECIALIST

Manage and maintain the Company's network infrastructure.

- Graduate of Bachelor's Degree in ECE, Computer Science or IT related field
- At least 4 years progressive work experience in data and telecommunication environment

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

To prepare financial reports, process payments and document finances

- Must be a Certified Public Accountant
- Candidate must possess a degree in Business Management or Accountancy
- At least 6 months experience in performing accounting functions

FRONT DESK / ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

To perform front desk and general administration work

- Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Commerce, Management or any related course; or licensed Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering

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CALL CENTER SUPERVISORS

To provide management presence and support to the production activities of product support teams in an assigned shift

- Bachelor's Degree in Computer Science/Engineering/ECE and other IT/ Engineering related courses
- At least 3 years work experience in a call center/technical support environment, at least 1 year of which in a supervisory/senior level position

SUPERVISOR FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

To supervise a team of HR staff involved in recruitment; selection and placement; compensation and benefits; and organization development and training activities to meet the manpower requirements of the organization

- Graduate of any 4 Year College Degree Course preferably Psychology or in the areas of the Behavioral and Social Sciences
- At least 3 years experience in HR functions such as recruitment, training and development, 1 year of which in a supervisory or senior level capacity

SUPERVISOR FOR ACCOUNTING

To maintain accounting systems and related procedures, corporate books of accounts and other accounting records; prepare financial statements and other external reports in conformity with corporate policies

- Graduate of Business Management and Accountancy
- At least 1 year experience in performing Accounting functions
- Certified Public Accountant

OPERATIONS ANALYSTS

To gather and analyze production and other relevant data that impacts on the Company's continued growth and operations

- Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Engineering, Statistics, Finance, Business or related discipline
- At least 3 years of progressively responsible experience in Operations/ Business Analysis, Business Research and other related work.

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The LEAD for Health Project is a three-year contract between USAID and MSH that ends on September 30, 2006. There are two 2-year optional extension periods.

MSH is currently seeking qualified candidates to fill in the position of:

DIRECTOR OF THE FAMILY PLANNING AND HEALTH SYSTEMS UNIT

Duty Station is Manila, Philippines.

OVERALL RESPONSIBILITIES: The Director will provide primary support to the functions of the Chief of Party (COP) in supervising all the activities and services of the Family Planning and Health Systems Unit provided through this contract. Through the COP, the Director will receive technical guidance from the USAID Cognizant Technical Officer and to some extent from the Department of Health (DOH) Project Manager for the project. The Director will provide leadership in all the health and family planning technical areas of the project. S/He will supervise the staff in these areas, as well as subcontractors working in this area. S/He will work closely with the Local Government Director to assure that effective technical assistance is organized and delivered with support from the field operations unit.

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1. Supervise the work planning, strategy development, and implementation of all family planning and health technical assistance to local government units (LGUs) provided through the LEAD Project.
2. In coordination with the COP, other Unit Directors, and designated team members, provide principal technical oversight for all family planning and health services policy studies, diagnostic and/or operations research studies, demonstration projects, training and technical assistance needed to formulate recommendations for policy reform measures covered under the contract.
3. With the COP, provide technical supervision and assign technical responsibilities as may be necessary to all long-term and short-term consultants working under the Family Planning and Health Systems area of contract.
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Qualified applicants are requested to send their application letter, with a comprehensive resumé showing details of their work experience, academic background, and references not later than April 15, 2005 through any of the following:

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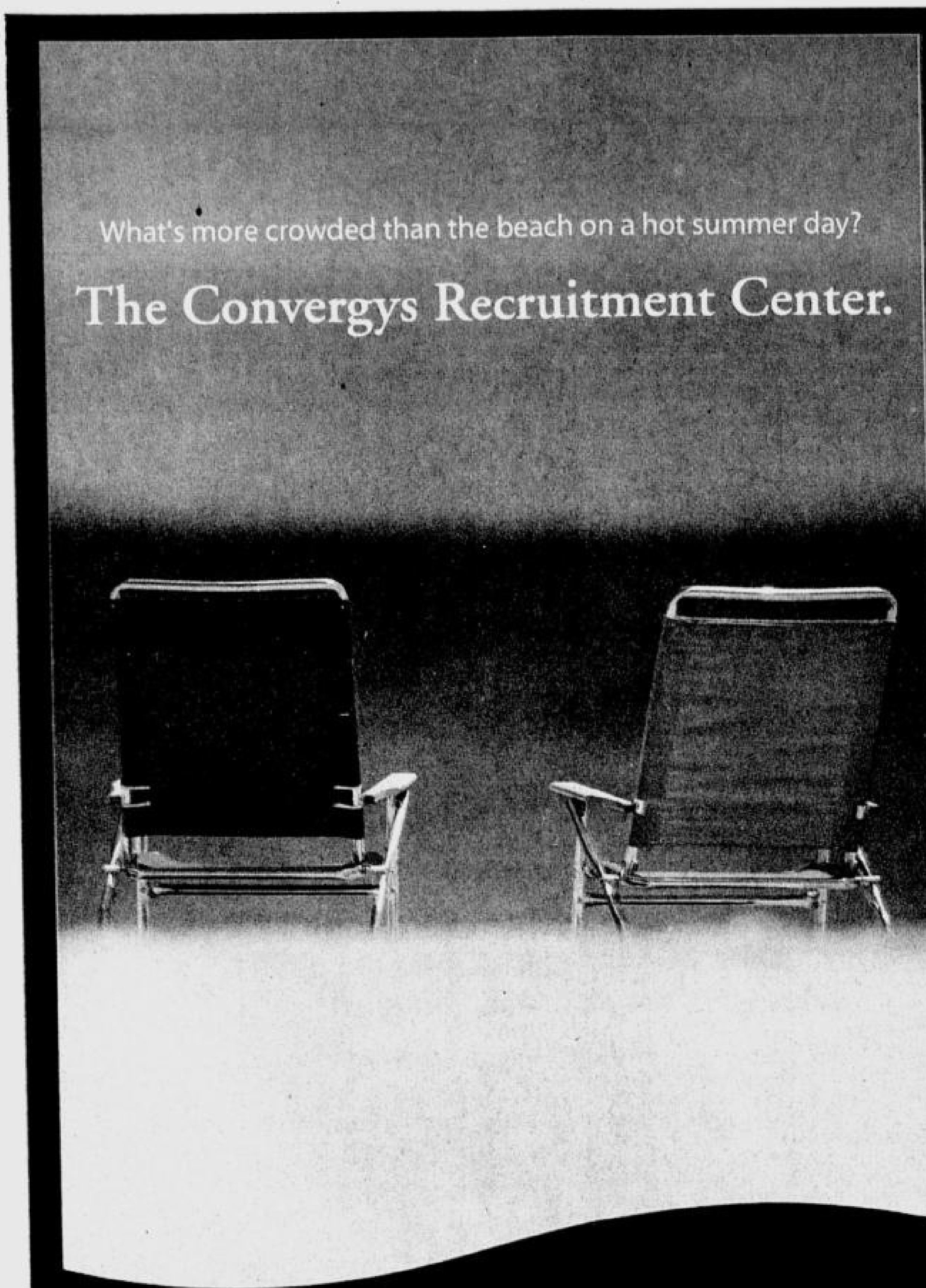
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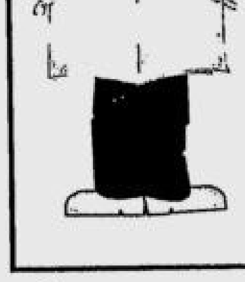

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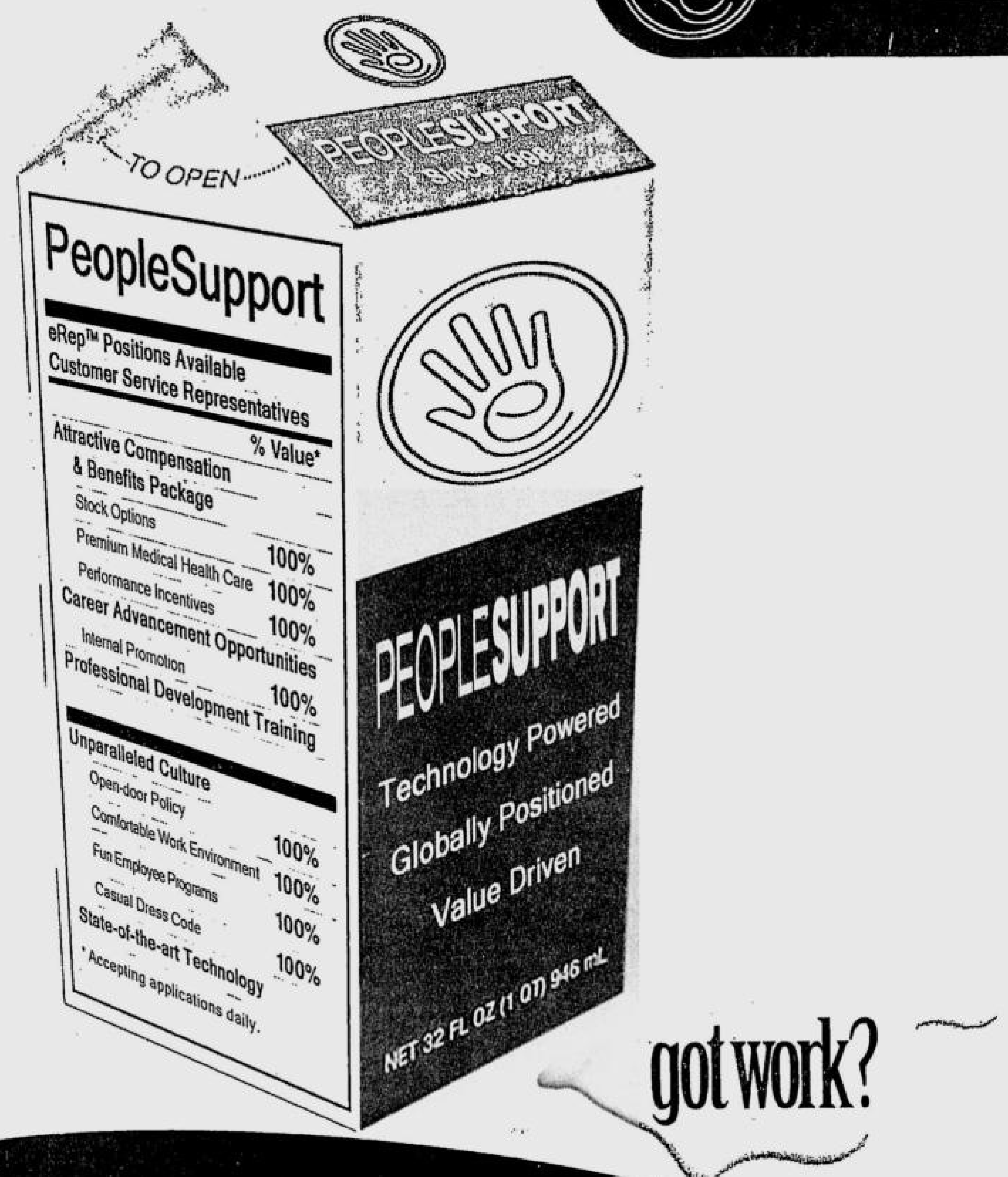
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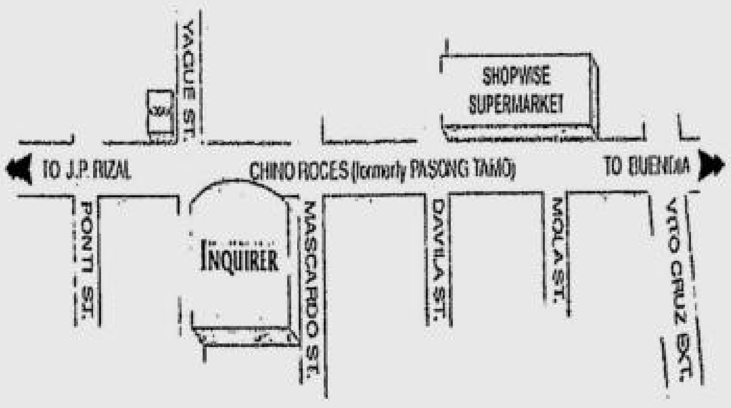

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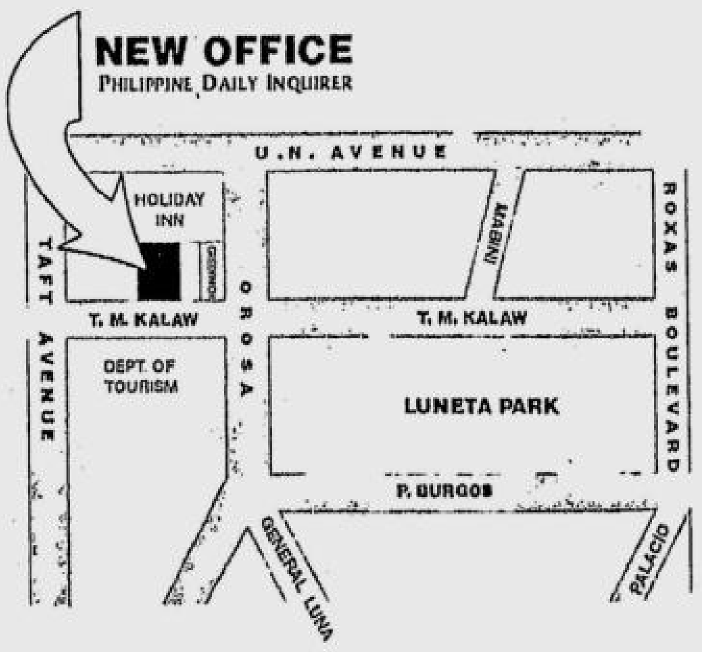

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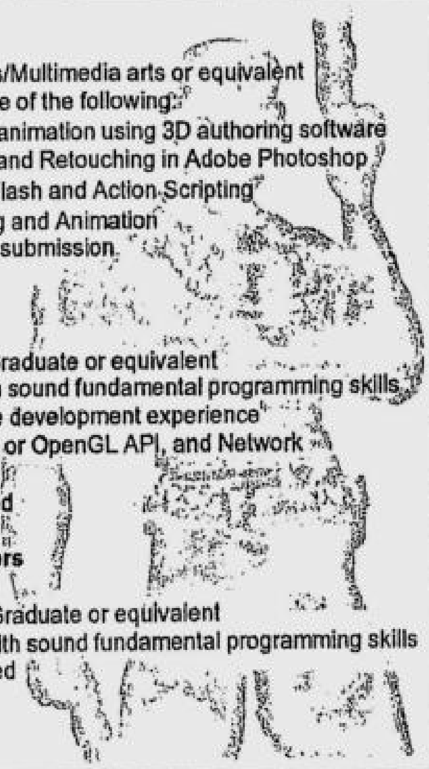

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International awards

Client Logic Corporation has won three prestigious industry awards for 2004: "Centre of the Year" and "Best in Sector—Telemarketing and Outsourcing" at the UK Call Centre Association's (CCA) Excellence Awards; and "Best Outsourcing Service Provider" at the first annual National Outsourcing Association (NOA) Awards.

The CCA Excellence Awards for "Centre of the Year" and "Best in Sector—Telemarketing and Outsourcing" were announced at the CCA's 10th Anniversary Convention held in Edinburgh, Scotland on November 2004. Judged by an expert panel from a broad spectrum of disciplines, the awards were presented to organizations that demonstrated excellence in delivering customer service. The CCA "Best in Sector" Excellence Awards are given to winning centers servicing five industries: financial services, telemarketing and outsourcing, telecoms, technology and utilities, retail and travel, and public sector. "Best in Sector" winners also competed for the CCA's "Centre of the Year" trophy, which Client Logic subsequently won.

The NOA Award for "Best Outsourcing Service Provider"—presented at the NOA Summit in London on November 2004—is awarded to the company that demonstrates excellence in the field of outsourcing. A panel of outsourcing experts evaluated entries based on a range of factors, looking for a company that delivered not only customer-focused results, but that was seen to be pushing the industry to deliver high quality. The NOA awards were announced at a ceremony attended by over 350 outsourcing industry leaders.

Personal contribution

Bartolome, an AB Psychology graduate of the Ateneo de Manila, has been working for the company since April 2004. She was initially sent by a recruitment agency to fill in one of the company's vacancies for temporary HR personnel. Eventually, she was encouraged to stay when she got to know the people in the company, and achieved a level of mastery in her job.

"When Client Logic just started in the Philippines, the systems of the company regarding events, promotions and job fairs were not yet calibrated for mass-scale hiring. My team was able to formulate a good system for processing and attracting applicants, with enough built-in flexibility to meet the changing needs of our clients. I believe that my personal contribution in that system is the establishment of better promotional materials and analytical systems for the applicant sources." explains Bartolome.

HR thrust

"Employment aims to attract and hire only the most competent, capable, dependable and trainable candidates for every job opening required by the business," says Bartolome. Client Logic's HR department has developed this thrust in line with its vision to be a strategic partner of the organization by developing a good foundation of leadership and service excellence of its human capital.

BARTOLOME AUGUST DELA CRUZ

Client Logic helps its clients achieve a competitive advantage by delivering Best-In-Class outsourcing solutions that reduce service costs, improve customer retention and increase revenue per customer. "We in HR fulfill this value proposition by providing the best pool for our operations, through constantly calibrating between the client's needs vs availability of resources." adds Bartolome.

Right traits

In searching for the right people for the job, Bartolome points out the important skills and traits that the company looks for in applicants. "I would say that they should have good communication skills. Good communication skills do not just mean mastery of the English language for both written and verbal form. It means that the person should be able to relay the information needed in a way that the customer (or their conversational partner) will understand. This suggests that the applicant should have the ability to adapt to the varying situations of their customers. They have to be alert to the small differences that make each person's way of understanding things unique, and use that to their advantage."

Bartolome advises future applicants to double check their English skills before the interview. Since Client Logic is an international company, she emphasizes that all the campaigns focus mainly on the use of the English language. "Trying to imitate an American or any other accent during an interview doesn't really help much. Just remember to concentrate on getting your message through clearly, every time you speak in an interview."

Wrong perception

According to Bartolome, the call center industry has experienced much discrimination that often there is a misconception regarding what a call center agent is. She believes that this is one of the biggest hurdles in the business. "For one, people still think that working for a call center debases you as a person with skills. That is not true. For example, if you are a licensed engineer, how many engineering jobs are available out there? And how much will they pay you when you get those jobs? Many applicants get into those types of jobs, but receive less than what they need to make their own living. If they go to a call center, their knowledge about their field of choice will still be put to use. The only difference is the fact that they don't have to do hands-on assistance for the customer. All they need to do is assist the customer through the phone. And, best of all, they get paid more than minimum wage, sometimes even twice the amount! The job is comfortable, not involving field work or any factory work, and you get your own workstation, just like a supervisor. Not all jobs can offer you this much."

She sadly admits that being a call center agent is not for everybody. "Even though it is easy to qualify for an interview because of the minimum requirements, not just anybody will be accepted to become an agent. First and foremost, they must have good communication skills."

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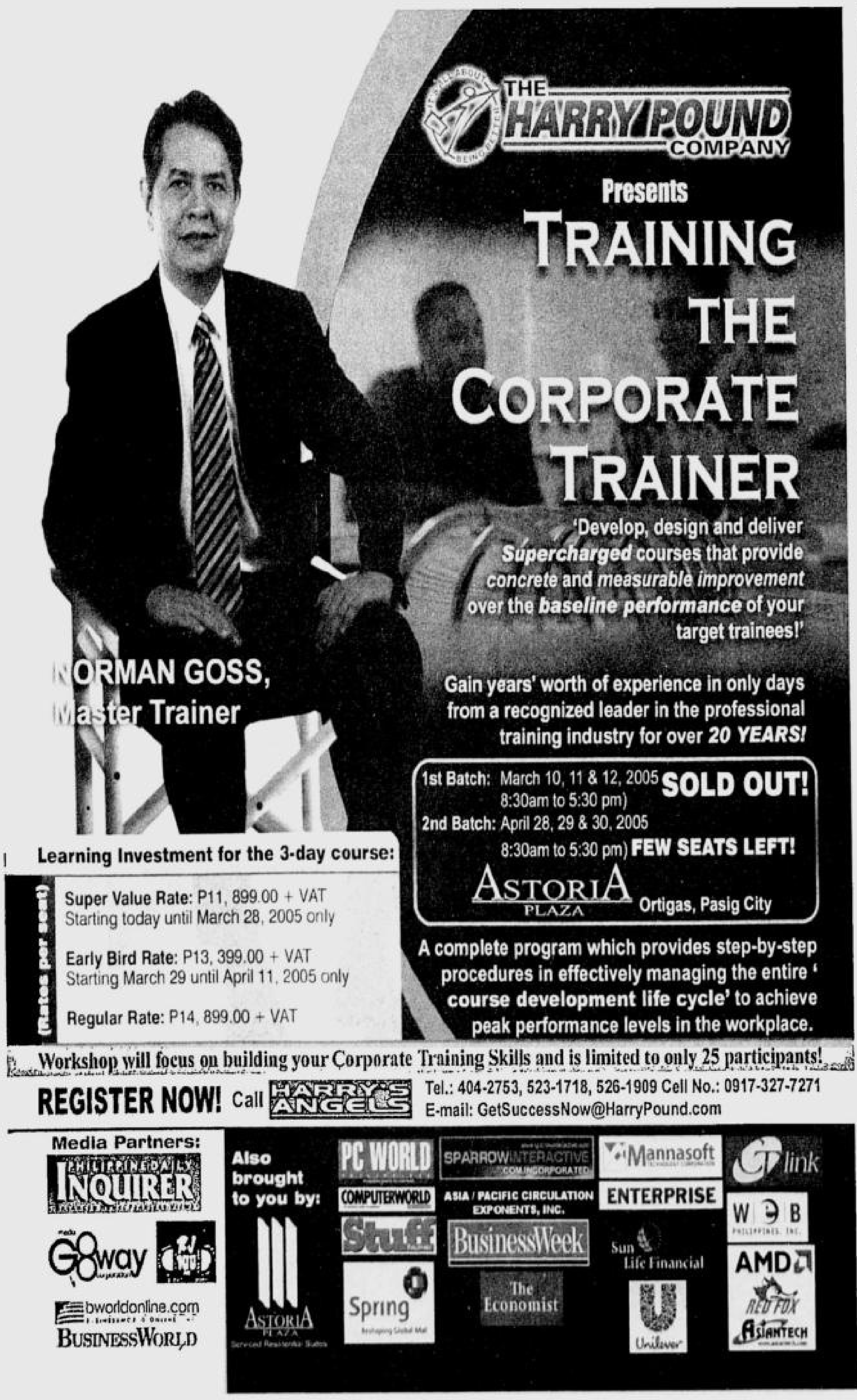

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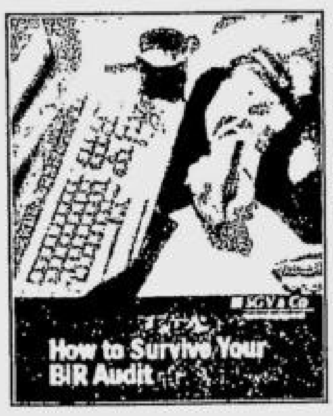

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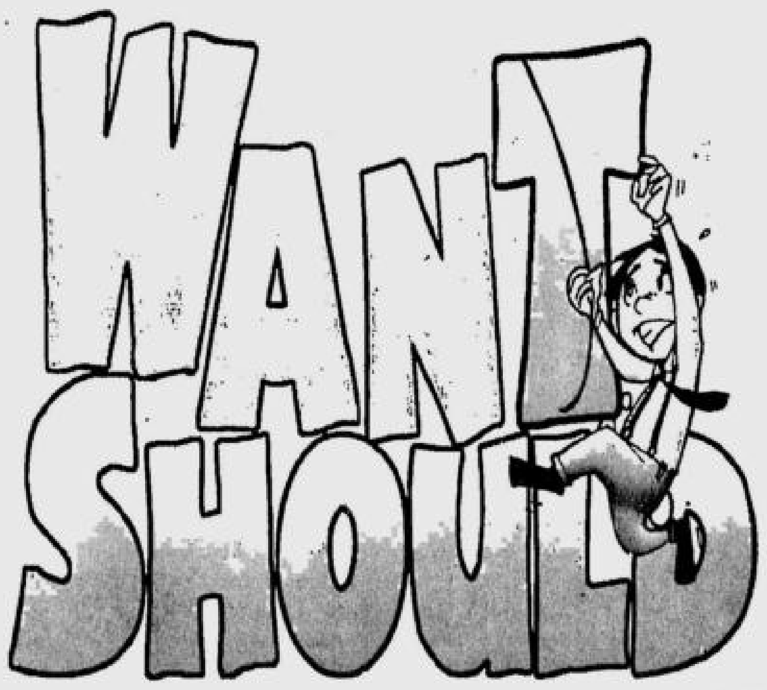
Do you know what you really want?

By Joel Garfinkle



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DO you know what you really want? You may have difficulty with this question because the answer is hidden deep within you, buried beneath a sea of "shoulds." Over time, this dream can become almost invisible if we let it. What is most important is to learn how to separate the "should" messages from what you truly want.

If we think about it, we rarely ask for what we want. I mean what we really want. If we are being completely truthful with ourselves, we would never doubt ourselves and would be honoring exactly what we want most to do in every moment. Instead we live a life based on "shoulds" instead of wants.

Some "shoulds" that most people have are: I should work more than 40-hour weeks. I should exercise more. I should lose weight. I should get an advanced degree and become a doctor, accountant or lawyer. I should stay at this job even when I'm not fulfilled. I should, I should, I should. You must not do something simply because someone else chose it for you. Your life is too important to live it based on a "should."

Authentic wants

How do we get from our "shoulds" to our authentic wants or desires? Begin to be aware whether what you are asking for is what you really want. Next, it's important to continue practicing asking for what you want, whether small or large wants. For example, some little things you can ask for at work are, I want to leave early from work today, I want to take a 90-minute lunch, I want someone else to do the administrative tasks.

If you aren't clear on what you want, then your mind will be clouded with "shoulds." Thus, you will have more hurdles to surmount to get what you want. Even when you do work that you enjoy or love, you may still have that nagging feeling that you're not doing what you should be doing based on family, culture, community, society, peers and teachers. When you take the time to clarify what you want, however, you're more likely to clearly ask for it and get it. In the end, the only thing you "should" be doing is whatever gives you the greatest amount of passion.

No regrets

Recognize that to be happy, you must live the life that you truly want to live. It's your life and you are the only one who can truly determine what is right for you. There is no tragedy in shooting for your dreams; the tragedy is in looking back on your life and saying "I wish I'd..."

Georgia Anne Geyer said, "Follow what you love. Don't deign to ask what "they" are looking for out there. Ask what you have inside. Follow not your interests, which change, but what you are and what you love..."

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POEA issues advisory on hiring for Korea, Japan

THE Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) or the Human Resources Development Service of Korea has not authorized any private recruitment agency or individual to recruit or facilitate the documentation and deployment of workers applying for jobs in Korea under the employment permit system. No private entities were also allowed to conduct Korean language training for workers under EPS. Applicants should report to POEA any illegal recruitment activity made by these agencies and other unscrupulous individuals.

Meanwhile, on the Japanese labor market, there are no job orders yet for nurses and caregivers in Japan as the formal trade agreement between the two countries is still being finalized.

Japan and the Philippines have agreed in principle to drop tariffs on a range of goods traded between the two countries once a broader economic deal is concluded. Japan has also agreed to ease regulations on the entry of Filipino nurses and care givers after they had completed language training and passed the nursing board exams. The agreement is expected to be signed by the end of 2005. *(Source:* www.poea.gov.ph*)*

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will have to do the planning for your career. No one will do this for you.

A career plan consists of four parts: 1) knowing yourself in your current reality through an assessment of your career interests, personality, strengths and weaknesses and an inventory of your skills, your needs and values; 2) knowing where you want to go or where you want to be, i.e., your career goal; 3) knowing your career options i.e., alternative career goals related to your career interests and skills; 4) knowing the steps you have to take to achieve your career goal.

A career goal could be the position you would realistically like to be in and where this is available, at some defined point in the future. A career goal has both long-term and short-term components. A long-term goal would have a five-year time frame, and short-term goal would have a two-year time frame. The short-term goal is aligned to your long-term goal. A career goal should be SMARTA—specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and actionable. An example: In two years, I will be recruitment supervisor in the HR department of this company. In five years time, I will be HR manager in this company or in some other company.

Based on this career goal, you plan the action steps you will take from where you are now, an HR assistant, to where you want to go, i.e., an HR manager in five years. Your first steps include the suggestions I have given you and which are all related to self-assessment and self-awareness, and self-management. God bless you.

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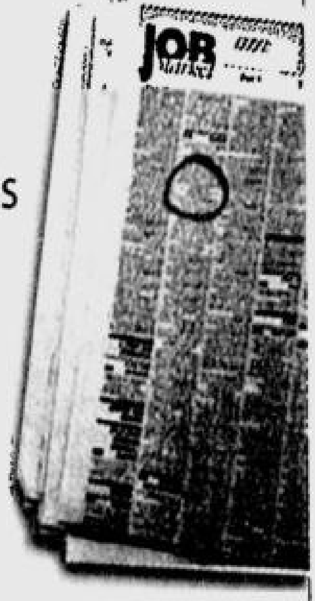

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'Why am I not being promoted?'

By Josie O. Santamaria

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

I GRADUATED from college six years ago with a degree in AB Psychology with cum laude honors, from a good university in Metro Manila. It took me only three months before I got a job in the HR department of a multinational company where I have been working for the past five and a half years.

I'm stuck in my present position as HR assistant for all these five and a half years. I'm so unhappy about my non-promotion, considering that I graduated from college with honors. I have had lateral transfers to different sections in HR (compensation, recruitment and employee relations) but I don't think I've ever been considered for promotion to supervisor. I have had three superiors and all of them have given me above average, even superior, ratings in their annual performance appraisal of me.

Not one of my superiors had ever discussed with me their career plans for me. Three of my peers had been promoted to supervisors and they did not even have any honors when they graduated from college.

I don't want to resign because I like the company I'm working in and it is very hard nowadays to get the right job in the right company. But I'm so confused, unhappy and downhearted. Please help me.

Ms Downhearted

You're at a loss as to the reason why you have not been promoted to a supervisory position like your three batch mates, considering that you graduated with cum laude honors and you have received high ratings in the performance appraisal of your three superiors. You want to be promoted but doubt if you have even been considered for promotion and this greatly disappoints you. You are also disappointed that not one of your superiors ever discussed with you their career plans for you. You undoubtedly believe that, as your superiors, they should have a career plan for you.

Blind spots

I suggest that you do an honest and realistic self-appraisal so that you will be able to identify your strengths and areas for improvement. You need to remove your "blind spot," i.e., things about you—your personality and character traits, attitudes and behaviors—that people see in you and which you are not aware of. These traits, attitudes and behaviors they see in you affect their evaluation of your "promotability." Promotion to leadership positions is given to employees based on their technical competencies, their mental abilities and their emotional competencies. Emotional competencies become very important in supervisory and management positions. A supervisor must know how to manage their own feelings and behaviors, as well as manage the feelings and behaviors of their direct reports so that productive work relationships lead to the desired productive results.

Steps

To help you in making a realistic self-assessment, you must take the initiative to do the following things:

1. Get an appointment with your current superior and later with the other two previous ones, if they are still employed in your company. Request them to be candid with you and ask for their feedback on how they see your performance and your potentials to a supervisory position. Bring with you their performance appraisal of you. Ask them to tell you what your areas for improvement are so that you can take steps to correct them.

2. With the data from your superiors, do your own self-appraisal. I'm sorry to disappoint you but academic honors do not count much for career advancement in the corporate world. Decision-makers look at your performance vis-à-vis standards, your potentials, your work behavior and attitude and your ability to have positive relationships with others. Since a supervisor manages direct reports, make a self-assessment of your leadership abilities, your ability to influence another person through communication skills, your ability to motivate another person to do what you want them to do to achieve an objective. Do you have positive relationships with your peers? With your superior? With your internal customers (i.e., people in other sections and departments, who depend on your outputs (e.g. data, reports) for their inputs, and with your external customers (e.g. people outside your company whom you serve or whose needs you must meet)?

3. To further increase your self-awareness, you can ask feedback from your friends and peers in your office. When asking for feedback from others, it is important that you maintain an attitude of openness and acceptance to what they have to say about you. A defensive stance on your part will most likely stop them from being open with you. Remain calm and smiling as they give their feedback to you. Sad to say, we Filipinos are non-assertive. Even our superiors hesitate to tell us our weaknesses and even our strengths.

4. In addition, you can take some self-assessment personality inventories to further identify your strengths and weaknesses. You can take these self-assessment instruments in psychological and counseling centers. You can get information about these centers from the guidance staff of the school from which you graduated, from the Internet, or from our telephone directories. Validate the results of these tests with what you know about yourself and what others say about you.

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Greater self-awareness

Self-assessment that leads to greater self-awareness is a lifelong process. We have to be constantly aware of our attitudes and behaviors because these are what people see in us and these affect their evaluation and reaction to us.

Also, God speaks to us through the voice of our conscience and the words of Scripture. We must be open to all these sources of information.

From the data from the above sources of self-appraisal, make a list of all your strengths and your weaknesses. Make an action plan and self-manage your behaviors i.e, what behaviors you will continue, what behaviors you will stop and what behaviors you will start. Then just do them. It is not enough to know and to accept our strengths and weaknesses. We must use our strengths in our work and correct and change our weaknesses consciously and consistently. Ask God for the grace you need to make you change your ways.

Your responsibility

Contrary to your expectations, neither your company, through its HR department nor your superiors, are expected to make career plans for you. You

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A pain in the neck

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

THOMAS (in today's Gospel) must have been one of those who believed that "seeing is believing." Is it always good to hold back believing when proofs aren't always available? The workplace is one spot where the rule "to see is to believe" may be called healthy, especially nowadays when people tend to be carried away by first impressions. Minda is a stunner. Barely 26, she has the personality, the figure, the face, the charm of a winner—someone we would now label as *malakas ang dating*. When she joined Achievers Company (this name is fictitious, to protect the real company), she was asked to submit a curriculum vitae but "only for formality's sake" since it was the company CEO himself who had invited her to join, obviously impressed by her *malakas na dating*. The HRD folks were all the more impressed upon reading her CV because in addition to her fine academic background she had also been to so many places abroad, being the daughter of a diplomat.

The first two months of her employment as a sales executive, she exhibited intelligence in mapping out action plans for the department. Indeed, she wowed her colleagues for being so smart despite her little work background. Everybody in the department believed they would go places with her around; and the CEO was truly proud for having brought her in. In her third month, Minda started to exhibit signs of grumpiness and stubbornness; worse, she would not own responsibility but tended to blame others for her department's boo-boos. It was becoming clear that the great first impression was no more than a great illusion. Most embarrassed over the development was the CEO. After futile attempts to straighten out his protégée, the CEO gave up as he realized he had believed without first seeing Minda's performance at work. He was too readily impressed. Up to now, almost a year later, they are still putting up with her because while Minda has not committed a mistake big enough to get her fired, she has made herself a real pain in everybody's neck. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_ manila@yahoo.com.)

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

Monks in the workplace

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

I FEEL excited with the news that a group of monks, called the Marian Monks of the Eucharistic Adoration will come next month to live in a mountain cave in Maasin City, Southern Leyte. These "spiritual men" will certainly work for the transformation of the community not only spiritually but also physically and materially. While known for being persons totally dedicated to God, mostly spending their time in prayer and contemplation, these men also have to work to feed themselves and for the upkeep of their monastery. In fact, in history and still at present times there were and are monasteries famous for some products, like wine, liqueur, chocolates, herbal stuff and others, which are fruits of the monks' labor and toil.

Work which is oftentimes perceived as mundane or a "thing of this world" can after all blend very well with "things of God, or of the spirit". and with believing in the Lord even without seeing the "marks of the nails in his hands"—physically seeing the person of Jesus.

Precisely because Jesus is alive and risen from the dead, the "marks" of His presence which we can see are the goodness in the people around us, smiles we see in their faces, the care and attention some people show us at home or at work, the good times that we enjoy and even the unpleasant ones that we endure, which lead us to realize that after all God is in our midst.

Believing in Jesus and "seeing Him" in our lives, in others and in the world, and working with this spirit and perspective, we become like "monks" working in our workplaces that would become veritable "monasteries" too. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net.)

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Gospel: John 20: 19-31

So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

How do you deal with your own red flags in a job interview?

WORKING WOUNDED

Bob Rosner

DEAR WW: I'm stuck in a crummy job because of my checkered past. Is there anything that you can do to cover up stupid stuff from your past?

Bad History

Wesley Fitzpatrick was granted a temporary restraining order against a woman whom he said had been stalking him. He told the Kansas City, KS judge that this woman's actions made him "fear for his freedom." The order was later rescinded when the woman stalker turned out to be Mr. Fitzpatrick's parole officer.

Like Mr. Fitzpatrick, many of us feel as if we are being stalked by our pasts when we go to job interviews. Most of us aren't Mother Teresa and we have all sorts of embarrassing incidences in our past that won't exactly enhance our employability. Below I've outlined a strategy for getting a job in spite of your checkered past. For more, check out, "Job Tips for People With Not So Hot Backgrounds" by Caryl and Ron Krannich (Impact, 2004).

What are your red flags? Take a hard look at your past and make a list of things that might scare off potential employers. (For example: arrests, having been fired, embarrassing photographs, whatever). Then ask the following questions about each item on your list:

Why did it happen? Is there a good explanation for what happened? For example, "I did have credit problems, but they were due to a criminal who stole my identity." If there isn't a good explanation for what happened, you are probably better off to give a short concrete answer. Resist the temptation to volunteer more information or to lie; both have a funny way of coming back to bite you.

Can you tell them why this won't happen again? Sometimes it's obvious why it won't happen again, for example an accident that happened over 30 years ago. Other times you need to convince them why it won't happen again. For example, "I haven't had a drink in 10 years, two months and 14 days so a DWI isn't in the cards anymore for me." As much as many job interviewers want to believe that you have cleaned up your act, the more evidence that you can offer the better.

What have you learned? This is the remarkable part about past sins, if you can give a compelling answer to the "what have you learned" question, you just might be able to turn a liability into an asset. For example, many former computer hackers have convinced big corporations that they want to be on the right side of the law and now many are protecting those very same computers that they used to exploit. Show them how your past transgressions can be seen as an asset to the corporation's goals. But this is something that you'll have to rehearse in advance; don't try to improvise in the middle of a job interview.

Use these tips and the only thing that will be stalking you are job opportunities.

Here are the results from a recent workingwounded.com /ABCnews.com online ballot: Do you have any skeletons in your closet that would make apotential employer nervous?

—Not sure if it would scare them off or not, 20.8 percent

—Yes, 21.2 percent

—Nope, I'm clean, 57.8 percent

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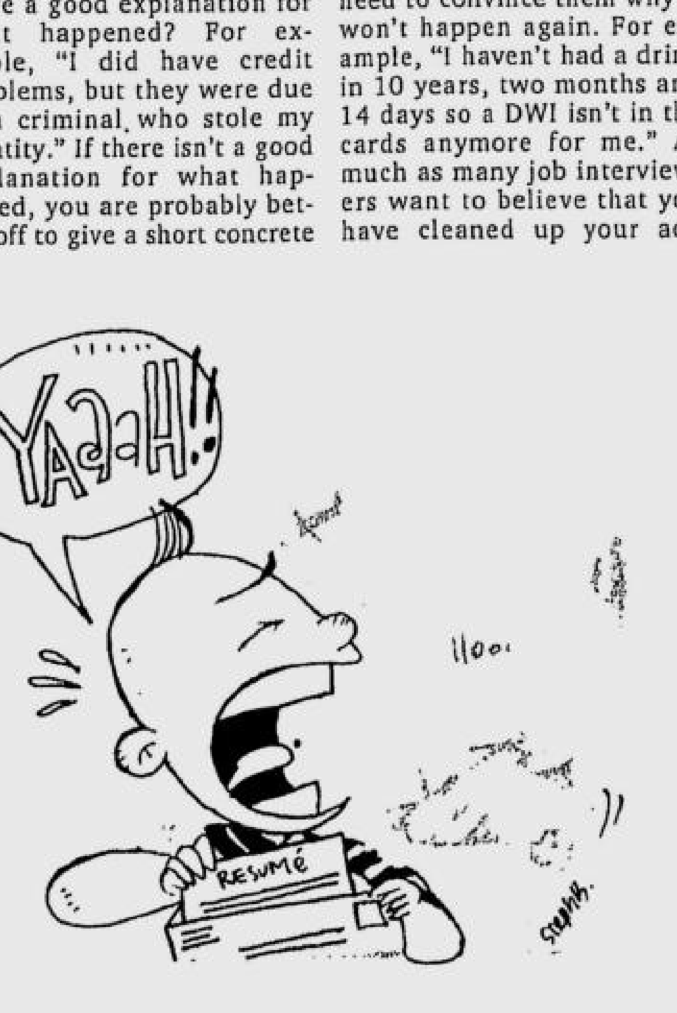

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GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE

Joy Rojas

To Feel the Philippines Under Her Feet

by Joy Rojas
photograph by Ryan Lim

MANY years ago, I had recurring dreams of running at night, my path illuminated by the headlights of a vehicle trailing from behind. Nowhere near athletic at the time, I found my dreams exhilarating, a pure adrenaline rush, and just a little too scary for my then weak constitution. Barreling down the highway with strong and sure-footed strides, my heart pounding wildly in my chest, I remember thinking to myself, "Don't stumble! Don't stumble!"

To dream of running, interpreters say, suggests escape, a refusal to stare problems straight in the eye. Years later, I would come to realize that my own dreams of running were actually literal, not symbolic, messages. If it's true that our subconscious knows all, then mine was giving me glimpses into a sport which, upon taking it up for fitness more than 10 years ago, would eventually affect my life in the profoundest of ways.

It is February 19, 2005 and not quite 5 a.m., but already my running partner Mateo Macabe and I are soaked in sweat from running at a pace that our driver *Mang* Lito swears is making the needle on the speedometer jump. He and our run coordinator Jojo Martinez have been following us from a rented FX for almost an hour. At the first sign of dawn and after a quick snack of coffee, crackers and instant noodle soup, they will drive away, advancing by 5 km each time until Mat and I catch up with them. We are in Pasuquin, Ilocos Norte, a quiet town some 54 km away from our finish line in Pagudpud, a destination famous for its oatmeal-colored sand and clear waters. That's a marathon plus 12 km, a distance daunting not only to the curious bystanders we meet along the way, but to seasoned runners all too familiar with the physical and mental demands of a 42-k.

Our starting line, however, was even farther—45 days and approximately 2,000 km away in Mindanao. Since jogging off unceremoniously and with only a few friends in attendance at the diversion road outside the Davao International Airport in Davao City last January 5, Mat and I have been running across the Philippines. Our south-to-north route, which we plotted months before using a compass and a map of the Philippines, had us running from Davao City to Surigao City in seven days, Maasin, Leyte to Allen, Samar in a week, Matnog, Sorsogon to Manila in more than two weeks, Manila to Baguio in five days, and Baguio to Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte in six days. Starting before dawn and ending nine to 12 hours later, we ran an average of 50 km (though we know now that a little squiggle in the map could measure anywhere from 5 km to 25 km) and in all conditions. Rain or shine, morning, noon and night, good roads and bad roads, flat routes and hills, happy or sad, in sickness and in health—we ran them all. The thought that Pagudpud was just hours away and finally within reach came as a huge relief. Still, in a sad and strange way, there was a part of me that wished it wasn't over yet, that wished I could do this for the rest of my life.

It was a feeling similar to the one I experienced when I joined "Running Priest" Fr. Robert Reyes and his team of seven men in a run for the environment from Guiuan, Eastern Samar to Kalibo, Aklan in October 1997. Though a newcomer to the ultramarathon (that is, distances measuring more than the standard marathon distance of 42.195 km), I not only survived the trip, I loved every minute of it—all 40 days and 1,196 km. It was there, somewhere along the Visayas, when I decided that I too would like to do a Trans-Philippines, to one day run across the Philippines. Only two people had achieved such a feat, and I'm proud

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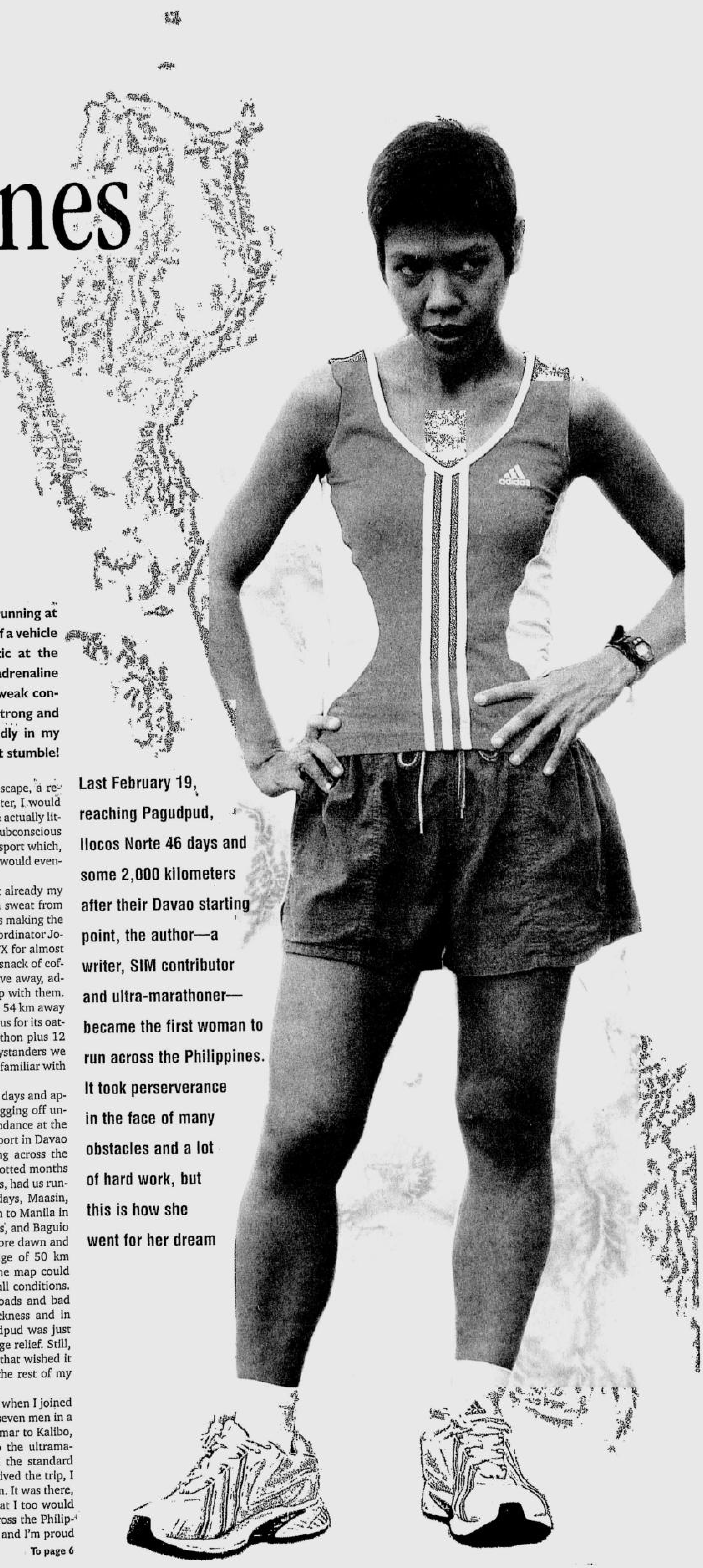

Last February 19, reaching Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte 46 days and some 2,000 kilometers after their Davao starting point, the author—a writer, SIM contributor and ultra-marathoner—became the first woman to run across the Philippines. It took perserverance in the face of many obstacles and a lot of hard work, but this is how she went for her dream

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Movers and Shakers

From Dorm Room to Board Room

Can scholar-ascetic Rafael Lotilla, newly-appointed Energy Secretary, survive the corridors of power armed mainly with good intentions and a family history for public service?

by Eric S. Caruncho

SHOULD the government ever subject newly-appointed Energy Secretary Rafael "Popo" Lotilla to a lifestyle check, the auditors would be in for a shock:

"Unexplained poverty," he says, is what they'll find.

Not only does the Secretary not own a car (he has, in fact, never owned one), he is still living in his modest lodgings at the walk-up apartments near the UP Stud Farm. This is a low-cost housing project for UP faculty and staff, which Lotilla was until 1996, when he was persuaded to join the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) as Deputy Director. He saw no reason to move out then, and he sees no reason to move out now that President Arroyo has asked him to take over the reins of the Department of Energy from his former Kalayaan dorm-mate Vince Perez. For one year, Lotilla held the fort as CEO of the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corporation (PSALM).

"I've always led a spartan existence," says the bespectacled Lotilla, who still looks pretty much as he did during his college days, give or take a worry line or two.

"UP was my life for a long time," says Lotilla, who began teaching at the College of Law as an assistant professor in 1985, even before he took the bar exams. He stayed with the university in various capacities, serving as director of the Institute of International Legal Studies in 1989 and as Vice President for Public Affairs in 1991. He became a professor of law in 1995.

"The joke then at UP was, I resigned from the vice presidency because it was a choice between staying on as vice president and staying in the dormitory," Lotilla said.

He was already something of a legend in the university then, having lived in its dorms since his freshman year in 1975. He would have been perfectly happy living in his dorm room at the Narra Residence Hall, but they finally had to kick him out when he reached the maximum residency allowed.

"Let me put it this way," he says. "The one who holds the UP record for the longest dormitory stay is (Rep. Heherson) Sonny Alvarez. I left before I was in a position to challenge his record."

Idealistic things

But he still lives pretty much as he used to. A confirmed bachelor, he still takes most of his meals out, and has his laundry done by the same washerwoman he employed when he was a law student.

"I'm still single, unfortunately," he says. "But maybe it has afforded me the luxury—or the irresponsibility—of not having to take care of a family. Maybe those idealistic things that we shared during our student days still fire me up because I have more time to devote to thinking about them, rather than the day-to-day things required of a family man. I guess that's part of the trade-off."

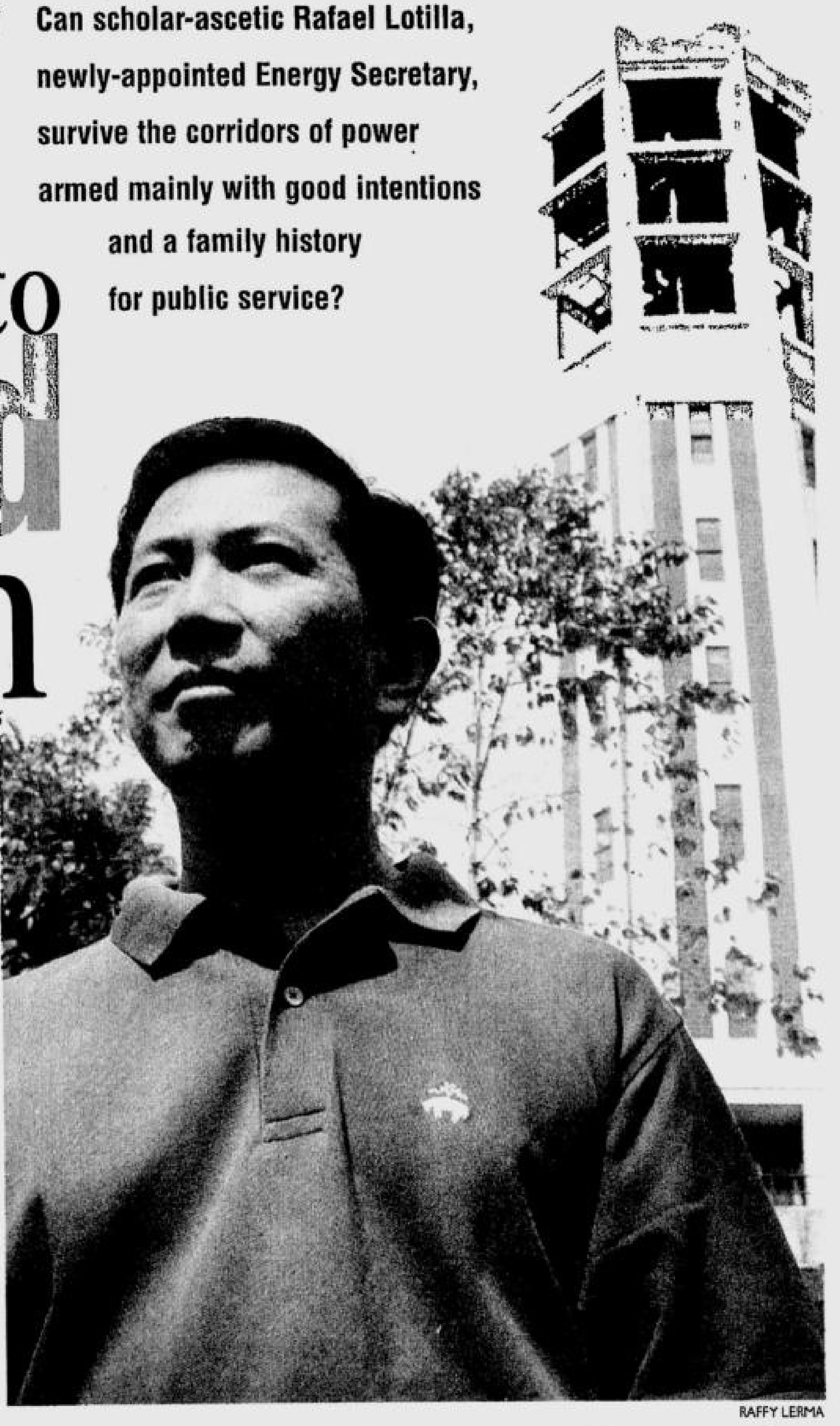
The life of a scholar-ascetic is one to which he was eminently suited.

"I had a small room at the dormitory where I could leave my things," he recalls. "I could go to the library and be prolific in my research and writing, and I was free to do policy consulting in the Senate and the House."

Maybe it was also this academic lifestyle that led some to scoff at Lotilla as a "lightweight," presumably lacking the necessary knife-fighting skills to survive in the corridors of power.

Malacañang was no ivory tower, they seemed to be saying. Certainly, the task that looms before Lotilla—that of reforming the complex tangle of knots that is the energy sector—is a daunting one requiring a great deal of finesse and intestinal fortitude.

But most observers seemed to approve of President Arroyo's choice of Lotilla. He is no stranger to policymaking, having served as a consultant to various Senate Presidents. He has also been immersed in the issues besetting the power sector since 1996, when he sat on the executive-legislative council then hammering out the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA), the basis for the current administration's move to privatize the industry.



RAFFY LERMA

Efficiency and competition

"Before EPIRA, what you had was basically a government monopoly at the level of power transmission," he explains. "Generation was also dominated by government in the form of the National Power Corporation. You already had the independent power producers, but the main bulk of their contracts were with the NPC. One major aspect of the reform act is to introduce efficiency by introducing competition."

Basically, the law seeks to do to the power sector what government did to the telecommunications sector: make it more efficient by dismantling its own monopoly and attracting private investors. "It doesn't mean that government will be totally out of the power sector," Lotilla hastens to add. "Government will still be needed as a regulator, and to provide the policy environment. As a regulator, it will have to balance the concerns of the consumer with the legitimate concerns of the investors. But gone are the days when government had to own the assets in order to deliver the goods."

Although much of the public debate on energy has focused on lowering the cost of electricity to consumers, Lotilla believes that energy reform goes much deeper.

"To me, the social objectives are as important to this reform exercise, because we are looking at eliminating or reducing the incidence of poverty—that's what the ultimate goal of power and energy reform should be."

In most of the world, governments have enjoyed a monopoly on power for the last several decades, but a large percentage of the poor still have no access to electricity. In the countryside, many households still depend on gathering firewood for fuel. Not only does this have an impact on the environment, but studies have shown that the pollution from wood-burning stoves is equivalent to a two-pack-a-day cigarette habit. It also keeps women and children from productive opportunities, since they are the ones usually doing the wood gathering.

"It shows that we've got to try other ways to hasten universal access to power, and competition is the key to reducing poverty and creating economic opportunities for our people."

But it is one thing to make policy and quite another to turn policy into actuality. Here, Lotilla relies on what he calls "principled pragmatism."

"I'm not trying to operate in an ideal environment, because that would be impossible. I don't see the government as being run by angels. If I weren't cognizant of the limitations, I would have given up on government long ago. But I also recognize that there are strengths.

Highest standard

"In the end, I've always taken to heart what I was taught early on: that people can see through you," he continues. "When you approach the people, specially the poorest of the poor, they usually know when it's a put-on, and when it's not. In that particular case, I need only to be myself. It has been ingrained in me since childhood—the idea of living up to the highest standards of service to our people."

The middle of three sons, Lotilla grew up in the small idyllic town of Sibalom, Antique where his father was a prominent lawyer, former provincial governor and later judge. (Both of his brothers are also UP-trained lawyers.)

"My family has a long history of public service in Antique, and it inspires you to have good exemplars of public service. I've always been proud of my Antique roots."

Lotilla attended a public elementary school. He finished his high school studies in Iloilo at St. Clement's, a Catholic school run by the Redemptorists, then left for Diliman, where he was a National Science Development Board scholar. He finished his undergraduate course with two majors—B.S. Psychology and A.B. History—before enrolling at the UP College of Law. He also joined the Philippine Collegian, first as a news writer, later as news editor, and eventually—when he was in his second year of law—as editor.

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Beloved's Arrival

In spite of
The thousand footfalls,
The suicidal jeepneys,
The fastfood stores,
And the countless faces
Of strangers and quaint
Near-acquaintances
That eat me and
This choked-up place
This morning,
The pace of a snail
Is quicker than the time
I spend waiting for you.
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Throng has trashed my
palpitating pulses,
As if the machines
Of the world have been put
To a long, grinding halt.
And local terrorists are
Crazy kamikazeing like
Plummeting bombs in the sky.
I don't know why. I'm sure as hell
It isn't from this self-imposed boredom,
Or the mushrooming wet beads
On my forehead. I wish to death
It isn't because of you, whose
Notion of departure and arrival
Is the impossibility of getting
From point B to point A
without getting first halfway
To the infinite nodal points,
Amidst polar distances.
Like Zeno's old logic
And his hoax paradox, where
Never-ending stops in-between
Prevent you from reaching
My already fizzed-out
Johnny-panic hugs
And knock-'em-dead kisses.

Alexander Agena, Jr.

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Home is the Hero

SMART Honors
Manny Pacquiao

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The smile on his face reflected different emotions as he arrived at the Centennial Airport. Relief, surprise, but mostly happiness to be back home. Manny Pacquiao had finally returned to the Philippines on the most solemn of weeks. There, he was given a simple yet meaningful welcome by Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita and DOT Secretary Ace Durano, before being whisked away to the Presidential Lounge of Terminal 2 for a short Press Conference. SMART arranged for his family and closest friends to be with him on this special occasion. With wife Jinkee and sons Jemuel and Michael at his side, "The Pac Man" had the most important people in the world right where he needed them to be.

"Ipinagmamalaki ko na kasangga ko ang SMART!"

Backed by SMART Padala, SMART Buddy, and Talk 'N Text, Manny emerged from the match dubbed "Coming with Everything" as a true hero to the eyes of his kababayan. Nowhere else could one see more heart, determination, and steadfast refusal to give up. At the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, he animatedly shared stories of his fight experience with SMART and Solar Entertainment executives over breakfast. He was then escorted to his very own suite, which he immensely enjoyed with his family.

The next morning he flew to General Santos, his hometown, where he was given another hero's welcome by Mayor Pedro Acharon Jr. If he was not aware of it before, Manny surely knows it now: perhaps no Filipino at present can unite a nation like he can. He flew back to Manila to pay a courtesy call to President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and then rode a motorcade around Manila thanks to the efforts of SMART, Solar Entertainment and DOT. The motorcade gave the whole nation a chance to show their love for this Filipino icon. At SM Manila, fans were treated to a special day with Manny. He promised them that he would continue fighting for the country. His fire still burns, and we are confident he can still provide the crushing blow in the ring.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, Manny Pacquiao and DOT Secretary Ace Durano at the Manila Presscon

SMART organized a surprise welcome from Pacquiao's family and friends

Michael and Jemuel Pacquiao posing like dad

MIAA Gen. Manager Alfonso Cusi welcomes Pacquiao at the Centennial Airport

Fans Day at SM Manila

Manny Pacquiao rec[illegible] welcome [illegible] Gen. San.

Mrs. Dionisia Pacquiao escorts her son

Relaxing with his sons at the Mandarin Oriental

Manny Pacquiao waves to the Gen. San. crowd

Four fans display their drawings of their idol, the Pac Man

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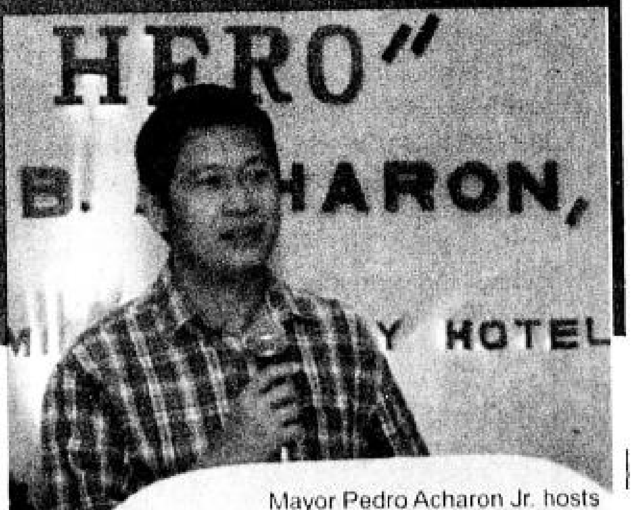

Mayor Pedro Acharon Jr. hosts the Gen. San. Presscon

Signing autographs for his fans

SMART, the leader in wireless and the leader in innovation, welcomes our hero home. It is our distinct honor to be associated with Manny, and we shall continue to support him in the battles that are yet to be fought.

Fr. Ruben J. Villote

A Time To Say Thank You

CMY is simply a 'welcome shed' in the city for provincial street vagrants displaced in the city and abused by city-dwellers. Here, they are healed and gently urged to move on and face what remains of their young lives

WE at the Center For Migrant Youth (CMY) say "thank you" to the owners of the house at no. 103 Cordillera Street, SMH, Quezon City for allowing us the use of the "honeymoon house" of Bert and Fely Reyes. We too have made it the "honeymoon house" of CMY for the past 22 years, (1983 - 2005)—almost for free!

We also say "*mano po* (greetings)" to *Nanay* Luz Zafra, Fely's mother, and our "Grand Mother of Perpetual Help," not only to the UPSCANS of the early '60s, but also to the three generations of CMYers who have known her as a mother too.

After my five parish assignments in the Archdiocese of Manila, I needed a non-parochial place to stay in and to start CMY. The Reyes-Zafra families graciously responded to my public and urgent request in 1982, and we moved in immediately.

What is CMY?

CMY is simply a "welcome shed" in the city for provincial street vagrants (age 15-20) who have been displaced in the city and abused by city-dwellers. It started as a halfway shelter for young rehabilitated first-offenders and mentally impaired out-patients who have no relatives here.

CMY serves as a place of prayer and discernment for battered youth—a space where they can quietly grieve and heal their wounds, and from where they.are gently urged to move on and face what remains of their young lives.

CMY also discreetly welcomes the so-called "footloose" street people, especially children and youth, to spend rainy nights and take a meal or two with us, to take a badly needed bath and to wash and dry their clothes before they return to the streets again.

CMY deliberately remains a small community of 20 residents at a time, formerly unwashed and unwanted migrant and street youth who have accepted our invitation to go back to school (primary, secondary and college), and who have managed to prove their worth.

We thank those who have offered to help CMY to sustain our mission in whatever way they can. Simply , there are two components: Sustenance and Education Assistance components. Sustenance pertains to the physical and survival maintenance and upkeep of our house; and Education Assistance pertains to the scholarship needs of the CMY residents.

Today, the second Sunday of Easter, at 8:30 in the morning, the CMY community will celebrate a thanksgiving Mass for the Reyes and Zafra families just to say thank you for all the ways each and every member of the Reyes-Zafra household has done to inspire and uplift us at CMY in our journey to become like Jesus, Friend and Companion of the Poor, every step of the way.

We ask for your prayers too as we continue our walk with God—to reach out and serve the other lost sheep somewhere else. Please continue your journey with us. A Blessed Easter to you all.

P.S.

My present Bp. Nes F. Ongtioco (Bishop of Cubao) and my future Bp. Tony R. Tobias (Bishop of Novaliches) are one with me in thanking the Reyes-Zafra families. Q

The Reyes family

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by Marinel R. Cruz
photographs by August dela Cruz

That's Our Boy

CONTROVERSY can affect any show biz personality, regardless of age. Case in point: seven-year-old Bernard Joecel "Tolits" Forbes, who has not been spared.

BJ, the "*ako, ako, lagi na lang ako*" boy in a detergent soap commercial, is now the subject of several tabloid articles which claim that he has become spoiled and stuck up.

"That's not true," says BJ's mom Analiza. "He's just a kid. *Sabik pa yan sa laro* (He still loves to play). I would never allow him to become spoiled. It's just that, back when he was still shooting for the fantaserye 'Mulawin,' he would finish at 2 or 3 in the morning. He hardly had time to sleep. And he would throw tantrums. *Ayaw ko naman paluin* (I didn't want to spank him)."

Analiza says her son wakes up at 5:30 a.m. to get to Muzon Elementary School in Taytay, Rizal, at 6 a.m. Although BJ's classes are up to 11 a.m., his teachers allow him to leave school an hour earlier to get to the "Eat Bulaga!" studio at Broadway Centrum in Quezon City.

BJ, who celebrated his seventh birthday last Easter Sunday, March 27, is also seen on other GMA 7 shows like "Lovely Day," "Art Angel," "Extra Challenge," "*Bahay Mo Ba To,*" and "Bubble Gang."

He is the youngest of five siblings, the others being Marianne, 23, Marion, 21, JR, 19, and Precious, 10. Marianne is afflicted with cerebral palsy, according to Analiza. BJ's father, Bernardo, works as an installer for the Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company.

In 2003, BJ joined "That's My Boy," a talent search on "Eat Bulaga!" He won Best in Costume when he turned up dressed as a *katipunero*, a Pinoy revolutionary during the Second World War.

"After that, an agent called us. It took six months of auditions before we got the Tide project," says BJ's mom. "The first thing they asked was, could they cut his hair short? I was worried that BJ would not look good in a crew cut. I guess it turned out well."

The first Tide commercial was shot on June 13 and aired some time in August. So far, BJ has come out in six commercials, the most recent one for Tide Eraser. Erik Matti directed the "Tolits" Tide series.

Last December, Mommy Analiza received a call from Tape Inc., informing her that management wanted BJ as a regular in "Eat Bulaga!" BJ has not stopped appearing on GMA 7 shows since then.

BJ hams it up on "Eat Bulaga" with Joey de Leon

***Ako, lagi na lang ako*—yes, it's all been about the cute little commercial model and actor BJ 'Tolits' Forbes. But here's why he's still just your average kid**

"You see, BJ has not changed at all. He still goes to school and promises to stop working the moment his grades drop. My son has been an honor student since nursery. BJ is no snob. He still plays with his playmates in our neighborhood," Analiza says.

"In fact, there's this one time when the whole staff of 'Mulawin' got really horrified," she adds. "BJ suddenly left the set, and we couldn't find him. We only found out later that one of the bystanders had invited him to play. I have nothing against the people there, but I felt scared for my son. It was a jungle there. What if I didn't find him?"

Here's the story, spoken in Filipino and peppered with polite "*po*'s" and "*opo*'s," straight from the babe's mouth:

Aren't you scared of getting kidnapped?

No, because I go target shooting with my *Kuya* Marion. If they kidnap me, I'll shoot them.

What if you don't have a gun?

I have a cellphone. I'll call my brother, and he can bring the gun.

What are your interests aside from target shooting?

A lot. Friendster, Internet, basketball, reading the "Philippine C
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to live on the street.

**What gift do you want
Mommy and Daddy?**

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the house. That's what th

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Mommy says she's going
keep fighting.

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tell you?**

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study well. Mommy get
but never at my *Ate*. (
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(troublesome). . .**

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pull that. What if it break
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rector asks you to laugh. Directors are like that, they'll make you laugh when you're supposed to be crying. So I'd rather do comedy.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

I want to be a scientist. I want to know why the moon is following me. It's always following me, it doesn't want to leave me alone.

Who do you idolize in show biz?

Si Kuya Dennis (Trillo, his co-star in "Mulawin"). He's nice and he's a good actor.

Do you have a crush?

Naku po, secret! Clue *na lang*—her name starts with the letter B. And in the middle there's a letter E.

***Ang hirap naman.* Do you have any more clues?**

That's just three letters, *eh.* She's my crush because she's cute and she has a baby face. We met on 'Lovely Day.' (Tip: "StarStruck" finalist Beanca Marie Binene is also a regular on "Lovely Day.")

Did you have a hard time shooting for the Tide commercials, especially the one where a dog was chasing you?

No. I was the only one holding food so I was the only one the dog chased. It was just a small dog, it just looked big on camera.

Oh, my crush's name is Bea, but she's not the girl in the commercial. She just used the name. I didn't have fun in the shooting because the girl who played my love interest was so naughty. *Pasaway.*

Do you still want to go to school even though you're already working?

Opo. The thing is, sometimes I make mistakes in Math, so Mommy gets mad at me. I don't play much in school. Spelling is my favorite subject.

What is your advice to other kids your age?

Don't change, like me. And study well. Dont stop studying. Q

Twists of Fate

by Samira Gutoc

From Madonna to Media 'Ninja'

She used to be a party girl, making like Madonna in her singing career. These days, only her eyes are visible behind her all-black covering, a concession to her faith. But that has not stopped Babylyn Kano Omar from being the loudest voice on Tawi-Tawi radio

HERS is the loudest voice in Tawi-Tawi.

Everyday on air, she spills out commentaries in Visayan, Tausug, Tagalog, English or her native Sinama dialect, dwelling on a range of issues from the Iraq war to graft, and even a rape incident in her Muslim-dominated province, for which she received death threats.

Her program on radio station dxGD, which reaches even Sabah, is a total exposure of her views. But not of her.

Babylyn Kano Omar, 43, the lone woman broadcaster among the silent Sama tribe, is a head-turner wherever she goes. No, it's not that she's the equivalent of Korina Sanchez in Tawi-Tawi (pop.: 500,000), but because she is covered in black from head to toe, with only her eyes peering behind the black cloth. "Better kill me than take it off," Omar says of her *niqab* (face covering). With only her eyes and eyebrows penciled black visible, she looks like a ninja.

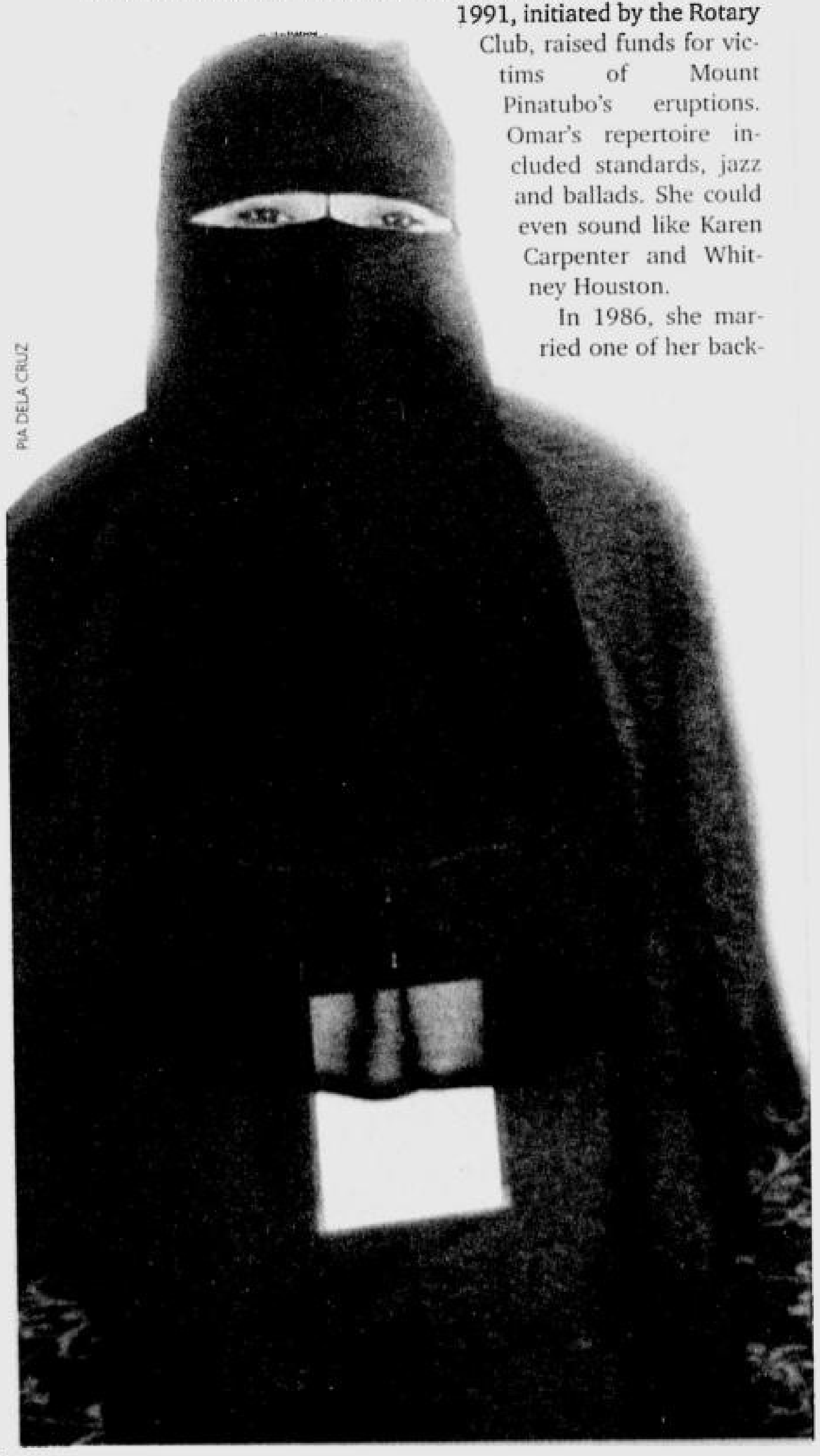
Life for Omar several decades back was totally different. She wasn't fully wrapped then, and her makeup went beyond the eyeliner. The "worldly" life, as she calls it, was partly because she grew up in a non-Muslim environment in Cebu. The only child of a middle-class teaching couple, she studied at the secular University of San Carlos and pursued a political science course at the University of the Visayas in the 1980s.

A consistent honor student, she was adjudged best debater and speaker in the inter-collegiate debate at the UV in 1981. She later obtained her degree from Zamboanga Colleges in 1985.

The fast life

In her teens, Omar subscribed to the fast life. Contrary to Islamic injunctions, she drank, smoked, partied and wore miniskirts. In many of her school's functions, she was the lead singer and front act. In one picture before her "transformation," she looks like the country's version of pop star Madonna. The men thought she was easy, though she claims to be really conservative at heart. She was the life of the party, as she sang and danced with a gay friend who would later become her concert manager. She was called Tawi-Tawi's Queen of Minus One. Local government officials would solicit her help in launching fund-raising projects in the province. In 1987, she had two concerts launched by the Knights of Columbus. Another show in 1991, initiated by the Rotary Club, raised funds for victims of Mount Pinatubo's eruptions. Omar's repertoire included standards, jazz and ballads. She could even sound like Karen Carpenter and Whitney Houston.

In 1986, she married one of her backup dancers, a Tausug who was eight years younger than her, in Islamic rites in Tawi-Tawi. She went into more serious work after that—as a Provincial Information Officer, a reporter for an Armed Forces radio station where she was quickly promoted to program producer, reporter and announcer.



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The job meant choosing stories she wanted to air, most of them reviews of how national and local governments performed. It meant late nights and hard work, and in one instance, she found herself bleeding from a recent childbirth while anchoring her program.

When things didn't work out between her and her husband, she filed for divorce, which is allowed under Islamic laws. She found love anew in another Tausug, Sambas Omar, whom she met in a forum on peace between the government and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), which she moderated. He was with the visiting delegation of MNLF leader Nur Misuari.

They were complete opposites. He was an introvert; she was outgoing. She was game and adventurous; he was wary and cautious. She was frank and upfront, he was introspective. What bound them was something "spiritual," she says.

Islamic rites

It wasn't a long courtship. The suitor offered verses in the Qur'an; by then, she was the listener rather than the interrogator. She felt she was ready for the "spiritual life and return to the arms of God."

In 1995, they got married in Islamic rites. A year later, she started wearing the *niqab* or head covering. She says of her decision: "My husband, whom I call Redeemer, cited four ways to enter paradise—*salah* (prayer), Ramadhan (fasting), covering the *aurah* (beauty) with a head scarf as a show of respect to the husband, and obedience to the husband." Omar adds, "I was pulled by a divine force to fully cover myself, especially when I first arrived from a *hurudz* (spiritual journey) in 1997." This was after comprehending what Surah (Chapter) 24 An-Nur, Verse 31, and Surahahzab Verse 55 of the Quran: "And say to the believing women that they should lower their gaze and guard their modesty, that they should not display their beauty and ornaments except what must ordinarily appear thereof, that they should draw their veils over their bosom and not display their beauty except to their husbands, their fathers, husband's father, their sons, their husband's sons, their brother's sons or sister's sons."

"Or their women or slaves whom their right hand possesses or male servants free of physical needs or small children who have no sense of sex or shame, and that they should not strike their feet in order to draw attention to their hidden ornaments."

"That's why I believe that wearing this *niqab* will not be a hindrance to my contribution to peace and development," Omar says. "We can help build the nation, go out, work and help our families. Just do not get out from the ambit of Islam, by getting the approval of the husband. Work where women's approach is needed."

Omar also believes that women shouldn't be excluded from political processes such as decision-making. "Even the beloved daughter of the Prophet Muhammad, Fatima Zahra, during her time was consulted by men on Islamic jurisprudence," she says.

Omar is one of the very few Muslim women who have ventured into mainstream media, especially broadcast, which is discouraged by some traditional Muslims on grounds that men and women freely mingle in this field. To this woman broadcaster, such obstacles pose a challenge and an opportunity.

"If I gained love and respect as a media personality in my province, that was doubled when I became the media ninja. It's really about going back to the arms of Allah," she says.

At the Media Nation Two Summit held last month in Tagaytay City, Omar stood out for her outfit. She shrugged off the attention and laughed when teased about her looks. What does she look like, the other journalists wanted to know. Omar gamely showed herself to her women colleagues, but not to the men.

How does she eat? She just took off the *niqab* and ate.

It's no big deal, really. "Walking finally on the right path changed my whole being and rectified my mistakes, but I intend to serve Tawi-Tawi through the broadcast profession," says Omar. Q

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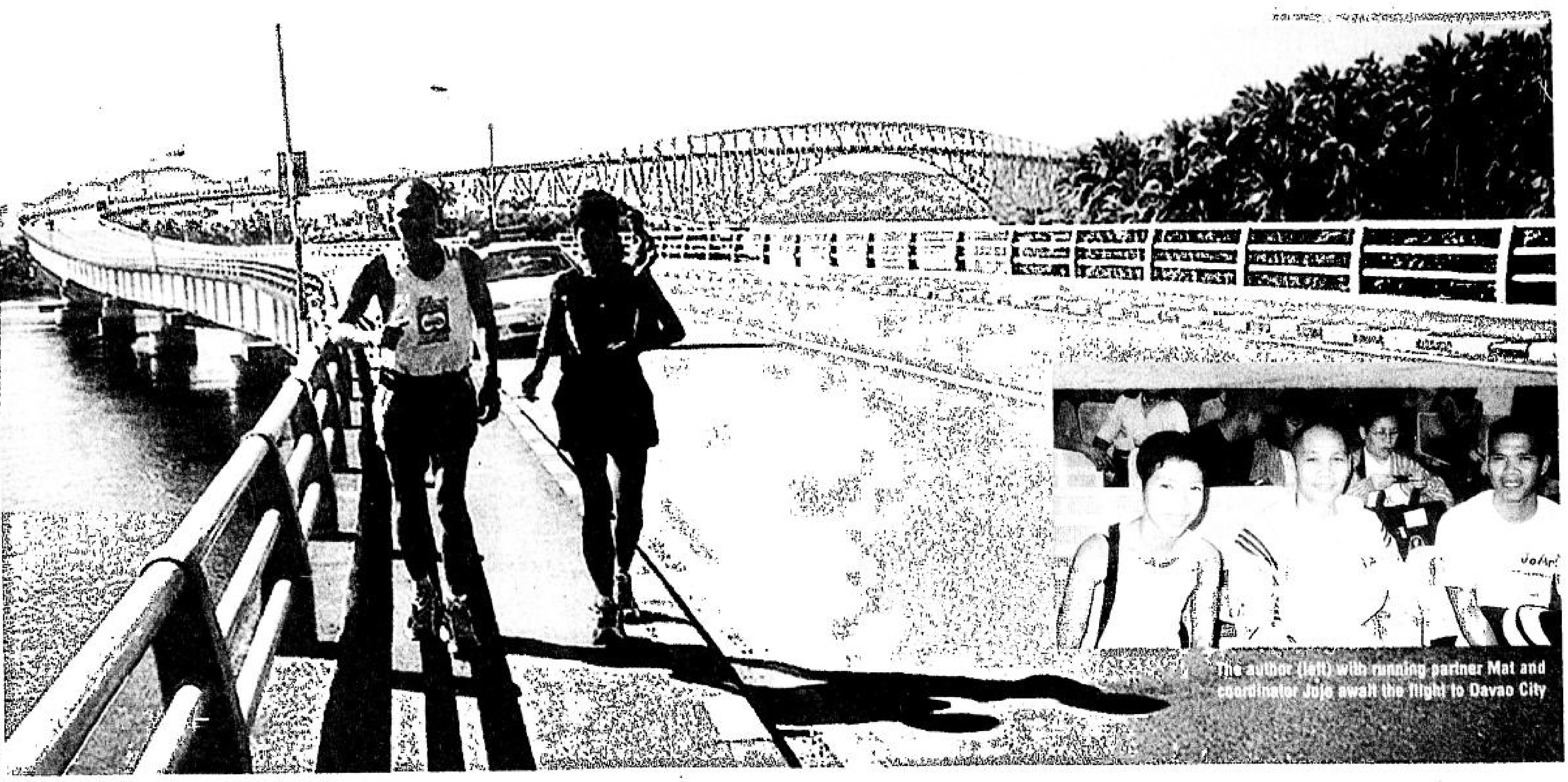

Leaving Leyte for Samar via San Juanico Bridge

The author (left) with running partner Mat and coordinator Jojo await the flight to Davao City

Joy

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to say I know them both. Fr. Robert ran the length and breadth of the country in three stages, covering Mindanao for peace in '96, the Visayas for the environment in '97 and Luzon for freedom in '98. But it's Cesar Guarin, owner of the sportswear company Botak, who takes the cake for being the first Filipino to run across the Philippines and then some. After negotiating Zamboanga del Sur to Baguio City on foot for 38 days in '83, he took steps towards an ambitious Global Run, running from New York to California in '85 and from Rome to Barcelona in '92.

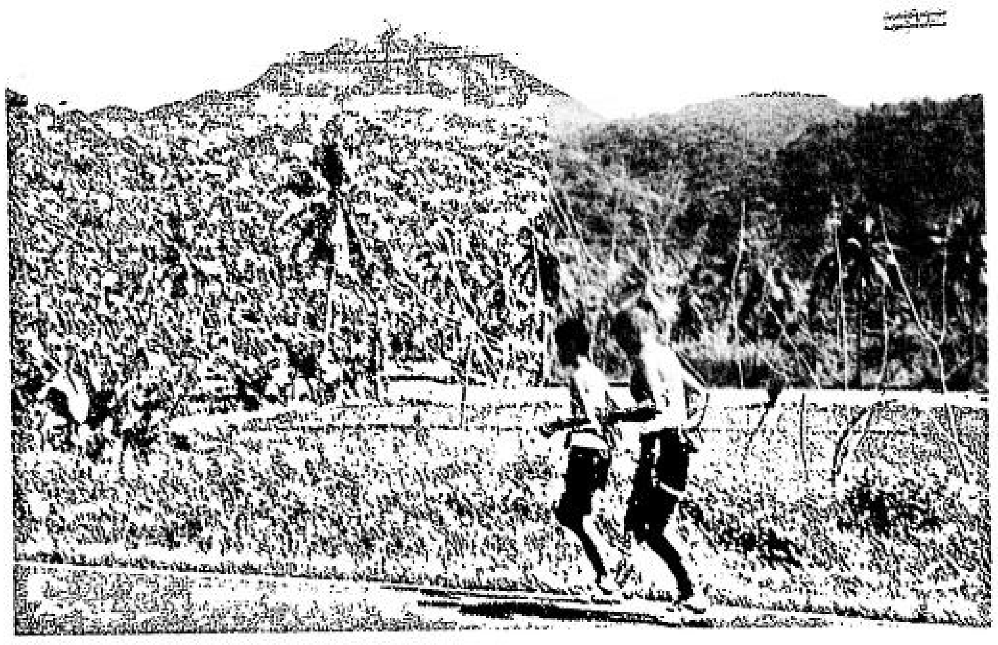
Running and reflection

Years passed and running partners would come and go; still, my desire to run across the Philippines remained. And then, things slowly started to fall in place. Together with Mat, a competitive ultrarunner in the '80s and my running partner since 2002, I ran routinely from Manila to Tagaytay and Manila to Tanay, Rizal. We also logged successful runs from UP Diliman to UP Los Baños in three days and Manila to Baguio in five days. As running has always been a personal experience for me, a chance for reflection, meditation and prayer, the original plan was to keep our Trans-Philippines pure and simple, to run for running's sake, with little to no media exposure, and with me financing the trip using money I had saved through the years. Friends, however, prevailed upon me to run for a cause and seek sponsorship. From an afternoon of brainstorming, we chose "Follow Your Dreams," a light yet hopeful theme that highlighted the qualities necessary for pursuing goals—dedication, commitment, patience, and the belief in oneself and God. Thinking it an uplifting advocacy for the youth, I pitched the project, which we called Hakbang Pangarap, to Department of Education Secretary Florencio Abad in a meeting set up by a former high school classmate, Rep. Risa Hontiveros-Baraquel. A runner himself, Sec. Abad agreed to endorse the run in a memorandum that would have us sharing our positive message in visits to high schools along our route.

It was not my style to play up on my press connections or the fact that I would be the first woman to attempt such a run. This was a personal project, and I believed it had enough merits to attract genuine interest. Sometimes, though, I wondered if connections would have greased our path. "*Mahirap yata yan,*" said the guy reviewing projects for sponsorship at Avon. "What's our ROI?" Apparently, seeing their names on our T-shirts, streamers and press releases wasn't enough. They wanted, he said, "something tangible." Meanwhile, at DepEd, it was clear that the staff didn't share Sec. Abad's enthusiasm for our project. "*Ginamit niyo nga pangalan namin, gagamitin niyo pa opisina namin. Masaya kayo!*" (You're using our name, and you still want to use our office. You should be so lucky!) remarked one *Ate* Mila to Jojo when he dropped by to use the government agency's fax and phone (with Sec. Abad's permission, of course) to confirm our provincial school visits. It was, to say the least, disheartening.

Plane tickets and cellphone load

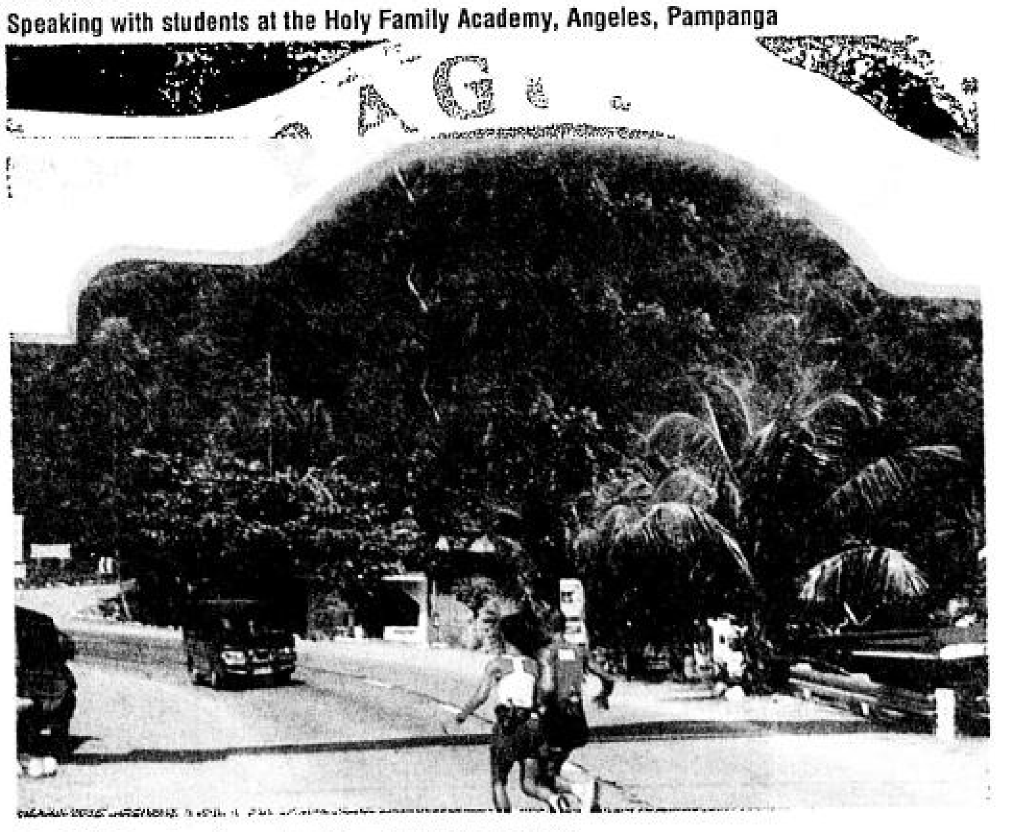
But some support did come, in all shapes and sizes. Cebu Pacific was the first to respond with plane tickets from Manila to Davao. Months later, Globe would spring for our cell phone needs. Friends provided us with drivers and support vehicles: a nephew of a colleague loaned us a handsome black Hilux for our week in Mindanao, and Fr. Robert let us have first crack at his freshly painted and re-conditioned vehicle when we ran from Matnog to Manila. Tess Tabada from the Leyte State University took care of our accommodations and school visits from Maasin to Baybay, while Alita Gomez enlisted the help of her cousin Carlo and the nuns from El Retiro when we arrived in Sorsogon. Schools also started contacting us; ironically, our first invite was from Narciso Leyson, whose school, MACI-Jose Demetrio Learning Foundation in Macrohon, Leyte, was not in our route. Finally, impassioned e-mails from my high school classmate Ingeborg del Rosario to family, friends and fellow Scholasticans produced a sizeable collection of pledges, shoes and apparel from one of three sportswear companies to support us, and assistance from Scholastican and Benedictine schools and convents in Tacloban, Legazpi, Manila, San Fernando, Angeles and Baguio City.



Running past Mount Bulusan in Sorsogon

Snacking in the support vehicle

Speaking with students at the Holy Family Academy, Angeles, Pampanga



Made it! Crossing the arch of Pagudpud, Ilocos Norte

It was emotionally exhausting, to say the least, but after months of juggling finances in my head, negotiating various forms of support, and fearing everything from injuries to being kidnapped along the way, I found myself unusually calm just days before our flight to Davao. I had done everything that I could. It was finally time to run.

It rained on five of our seven days in Mindanao, weather which made my bad cough and cold, as well as running on muddy roads, worse. Still, I was in good spirits, and there was plenty of reason to be. Mindanao was such a beautiful place, and my fondest memory of it will be running along its dense and green jungles, hearing nothing but the sound of our footsteps and the caw of exotic birds. Schools were receiving us well with food and sleepovers in their classrooms. And members of the Philippine National Police, many decked in blue camouflage combat gear, provided us with security from start to finish.

For obvious reasons, all eyes fell upon me, the lone woman in the group and a skinny one next to Mat, whose body type resembled that of a boxer. Speaking in Visayan, a dialect I didn't understand, teachers, policemen, priests, vendors, bus conductors, even our own support vehicle driver, wondered whether I had the strength to finish what I had set out to do. "*Kaya mo, Joy? Kaya pa?* (Can you handle it?) Okay *ka lang?*" they asked incessantly. Some days, I handled it with humor. Other times, I was overwhelmed. Jojo, who had the chance to chat with bystanders, assured me that the comments were all out of concern. Well if that was the case, I thought, then they didn't seem to care about Mat, who was never asked how he was holding up all this time.

"Sexy!"

The curiosity about me continued when we ferried from Surigao City to Leyte. Locals, men mostly, stared and spoke Visayan when I stopped to remove a pebble from my shoe or ice my aching legs. "*Kaliit! Kanipis!*" (How small! How thin!) exclaimed onlookers. Hecklers were having a field day with us. "Sexy! *Bakla*!" they said, and mimicked our running in exaggerated motions.

At this point, the Trans-Philippines was no longer about prayer and reflection, but about kilometers and time—how soon we could reach our destination and whether the skinny girl could do it. The pressure had gotten to me, and my body was paying the price. Muscle pains, which vanished after a soothing massage and a good night's sleep, took longer to heal. And my cough and cold would not go away. Running to Calbiga, Samar via the historic San Juanico Bridge, I popped a couple of pills to mask an excruciating pain in my upper left foot, the space between my ankles. The following day, chilling from a fever and the pouring rain, I hobbled for about 16 km until Mat suggested we stop. I cried all the way to the hotel where Jojo waited for us.

With a fever, cold and swollen foot, the decision was to sacrifice our two days in

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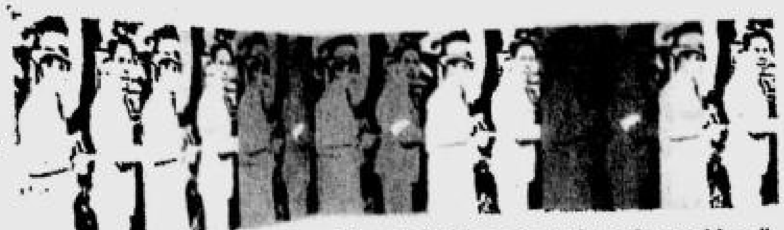
This Week


Leo Abaya's "Places to Make a Conga Line," on view at the Pinto Art Gallery

Art

Intermediate Geography, a two-gallery installation exhibit by Roberto Chabet at Finale and West Gallery, Artwalk, 4/L SM Megamall A until April 12.

Two individual exhibits by two artists are on view at The Boston Gallery. Shown at the Upper Gallery are acrylics on board paintings by **Yasmin Almonte** while recent paintings of visual artist **Jason Moss** are on view at the Lower Gallery. Exhibits run until April 27. Boston Gallery is located at 72 Boston St., Cubao, QC. For details, call 722-9205.

25 Years of Adarna Art, a unique exhibit of chosen works from Adarna House's 25 years' worth of storybooks by over 20 illustrators, until April 30 at Mag:net Katipunan. A special feature of the exhibit is a panel discussion on "The State of Children's Book Art Today" to be held on April 23. For details, call 929-3191.

Figures and Grounds, an exhibit of paintings by Leo Abaya at Pinto Art Gallery, 1 Sierra Madre St., Grand Heights, Antipolo City from April 10 to May 1. For details, call 697-1015.

Music

The MPO Rhythms composed of Rodel Colmenar and Naldy Rodriguez (keyboards), Juan Carlo Magsalin (Electric bass), Kettle Mata (electric guitar), Rodel Hernandez (drums), Dennis Villanueva (sax) and Raymond Agtarap (trumpet), debuts this Sunday at 6 p.m. in **Concert at the Park** at the Rizal Park Open-Air Auditorium. Admission is free.

Onstage

Koiné Theater Foundation presents **Old Apologies**, a comedy about the adverse effects of dishonesty to one's integrity. The play runs in tandem with **Over and Over**, a one-man monologue about a letter written by an "ex" after a year of absolute respite, claiming she has definitely moved on. To be staged on April 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the One Acts Theater 2/F Forab Bldg., 121 Kamuning Road. For reservations, call 410-4485.

Atbp

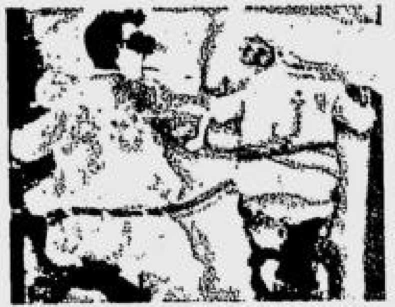
True Aces Talents and Events Production is offering a **Star Kidz & Star Teenz Summer Fun Workshop** from April 4 to May 29 at the 3/F, A&M Building, J.P. Rizal near PRC, Makati City. Courses to choose from are Dancing, Singing, Modeling, Interpretative Dance and Acting. The workshop is open to kids and teens ages 4-19. For inquiries, call 757-1909 or text 0917-6225327 / 0920-9042637.

The Softbelles Inc., a group of young women athletes, is holding the **Softbelles Summer Camp 2005** open to girls, ages 8 to 18 who are interested to undergo softball training. The 15-session camp will be from April 4 to May 14 at the Rosario Sports Arena, Pasig City. Registration forms available at Mall and More outlets in Robinsons Galleria, Katipunan, SM Megamall and Festival Mall Alabang and the Airfreight 2100/FedEx World Service Center outlets in Robinsons Galleria, SM Megamall, North Edsa, Park Square, Fairview, Alabang Town Center and Festival Mall, Alabang. For inquiries, call 793-2121 or text 0917-7545242.

The **Centro Flamenco** will hold its **summer workshop** from April 11 to May 7. The courses include Spanish dances (pasadobles), flamenco for children, teens and adults, bellydancing, Spanish guitar, palmas and cajon. World-class dancer-choreographer Clara Ramona leads the faculty. For details, call 751-2243. Centro Flamenco is located at 8463 Kalayaan Avenue, Makati City.

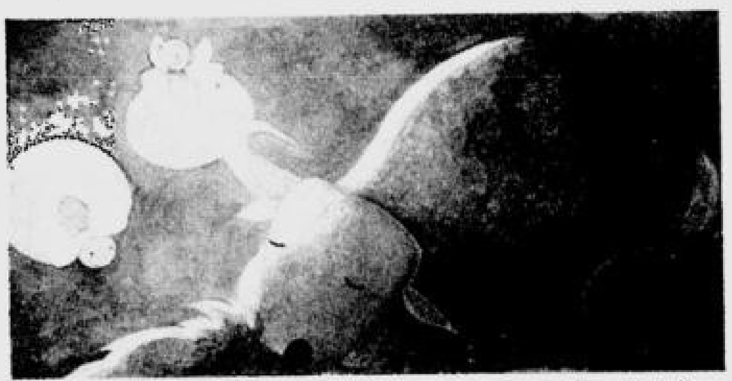
Reader's Digest is holding a health forum, **For Better Health**, discussing the latest information and practical tips for health-conscious Filipinos. The forum will be on April 7, 1 to 5 p.m. at the Philamlife Theater, UN Avenue, Manila. Participation is free and on a pre-registration basis. For inquiries, call Marianne Sabillo at 725-9001 to 02.

A family fun day consisting of sports activities—family fun race, swimming at the salt water pool, boating at the lagoon, tug-of-war, and adventure games and challenges—will be held at the newly opened La Mesa Ecopark in Quezon City. This activity for the **La Mesa Watershed Reforestation Project** will take place on April 10, with Former President Fidel V. Ramos, Senate President Franklin Drilon and Senator Pia Cayetano doing the opening run. Tickets are priced at P500 per person with free participation to all activities. Proceeds of the event will go towards promoting and sustaining efforts to protect the La Mesa Watershed.


Jason Moss' "Directing Faith," on exhibit at The Boston Gallery

Wallcx in the City schedules: The Big Binondo Food Bowl! Explore the alleys of Manila's Chinese quarter starting in a 16th-century baroque cathedral down to a miraculous Chinese shrine and savor the taste of an old panciteria, authentic Hokkien lumpia, mami and take a peek at a traditional chocolate factory. To be held on April 16 and 23 at 1 p.m. Meet at Binondo Church. Tickets at P650/adult and P350 for students. On April 10 and 24 at 1:30 p.m., take a stroll around the old Millionare's Row down the streets of San Miguel. Take a peek into the period homes of the country's old aristocracy and the San Sebastian and San Beda Church. Tickets at P400/adult and P150 for students. Meet at San Sebastian Church. For inquiries, text 0917-3291622 or email oldmanilawalks@gmail.com.

Get training in speech, written communications, body movements, and event/project organization and management at De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde. Its School of Design and Arts will offer **certificate programs in theatrical arts** from April 18 to May 13. Interested parties may choose from the following workshop courses: Directing 1, Scriptwriting 1 and Basic Acting. Workshop sessions will be held from Mondays to Fridays. Fee is P5,000 per course. For details, call Cindy Amador or Nitz Tubis at 526-7441 to 47 loc. 123.


"Ang Mabait na Kalabaw" by Liza Flores, part of the 25 Years of Adarna Art exhibit at Mag:net Katipunan

Capoeira, a Brazilian martial arts technique, is one of the modules offered by Miriam College in its summer programs. Other courses include taekwondo, badminton, basketball, volleyball, swimming, driving lesson, Pee Wee workout, art lesson, theater workshop, video production, poetry therapy, peace education workshop, orientation course on foreign service officer examination, professional development, enhancement and enrichment classes and a lot more. For schedules and other inquiries, call Miriam College at 580-5400 loc. 1099 or 205.

Clara Ramona conducts workshop at Centro Flamenco

Tanghalang Pilipino Summer Workshops: Children's Theater I: Creative Dramatics for Children 5-8 years old (April 12-May 6); Children's Theater II: Creative Dramatics for Children 9-11 years old (April 12-May 6); Teen Theater, 12-16 years old (April 12-May 14); Musical Theater for Teens, 12-16 years old (April 12-May 14); Acting in Musical Theater, 17 years old and above (April 12-May 21); Beginning Acting, 17 years old and above (April 12-May 21); For details, call Minette or Ledi at 832-3661 or 832-1125 loc. 1620 / 1621 (Tuesdays to Fridays).

The Lopez Memorial Museum is offering a series of **creative arts afternoon workshops** for 13 years old starting April 9: Basic Chinese Painting (April 9, 16, 23 and 30) with Professor Arnold Esguerra; Comic Book Writing (April 11-15) with UP Professor Emil Flores; Basic Printmaking Workshop (May 2-6) with top printmaker Ambie Abano, and Photography (May 9-13) with RJ Fernandez. For inquiries, contact Fanny at 631-2417.

Leaps and Bounds: A Youth Leadership Adventure Camp is on for the third straight year. Activities include Challenge Ropes Course, Arts & Crafts, Adventure Races, Night Treks, Nature Projects, Raft Building and others, all designed to provide a fun, safe and challenging environment to bring out the leader within. Open to all youth ages 9-18 years. Two camp dates to choose from: April 19-22 or May 24-27. For details, contact 0918-5640105 or leapsandbounds@mgtstratasia.com.

Kids ArtPlay, a weekly series of art, and writing workshops that promote creativity and love for learning in children at the Filipinas Heritage Library, Makati Avenue, Ayala Triangle, Makati City. Workshops include: Basic Drawing: Mongol's My Favorite Shape, My Favorite Animal, 3 years old and up with adult supervision (April 6, 1-4 p.m.); Dough/Clay Art: Crayola's Mold and Shape-Pets, 5 years old and up with adult supervision (April 13, 1-4 p.m.); Paper Art: Li'l Hands' Origami for Kids, 7 years old and up with adult supervision (April 23, 9 a.m. to 12 nn); Crayon Art: Li'l Hands' Crayon Batik, 8 years old and up with adult supervision (April 30, 9 a.m. to 12 nn). For details, call 892-1801 loc. 13 or 759-3371.

Graduates of **Quezon City High School** will hold their **14th General Alumni Homecoming** on April 9 at the QCHS campus, Scout Ybardolaza, Diliman, QC. Highlights of the affair include a motorcade, Holy Mass, awarding of distinguished alumni, live band entertainment, free dinner for all alumni, photo exhibit, booths, raffle draw, and lots of fellowship. For details, contact Evelyn Gonzales at 0919-4460140 and Aiza Dayao at 415-2087.

Ryan Cayabyab The Music Studio offers the following **summer classes** for children and adults: Children's Chorus Class (ages 8-13; requires auditions); Stepping in Tune Class (ages 8-13); Musikgarten (ages 3-7); Pop Vocal Performance Class (ages 14 up); Individual Voice and Piano Lessons. For inquiries, call Melissa or Gladys at 844-3330 and 843-2874.

Bazaar organizer **Karl Edward International** will go all-out with its non-stop **bargain bazaars** at Le Pavillion in Roxas Boulevard on April 3 and at the NBC Tent at Bonifacio Global City on April 16 and 17 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. The bazaar offers export quality garments and the latest in summer wear and accessories.

For this week's bands and schedules call:

- Hard Rock Café (893-4662-65)
- Virgin Café : QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

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Jess Abrera

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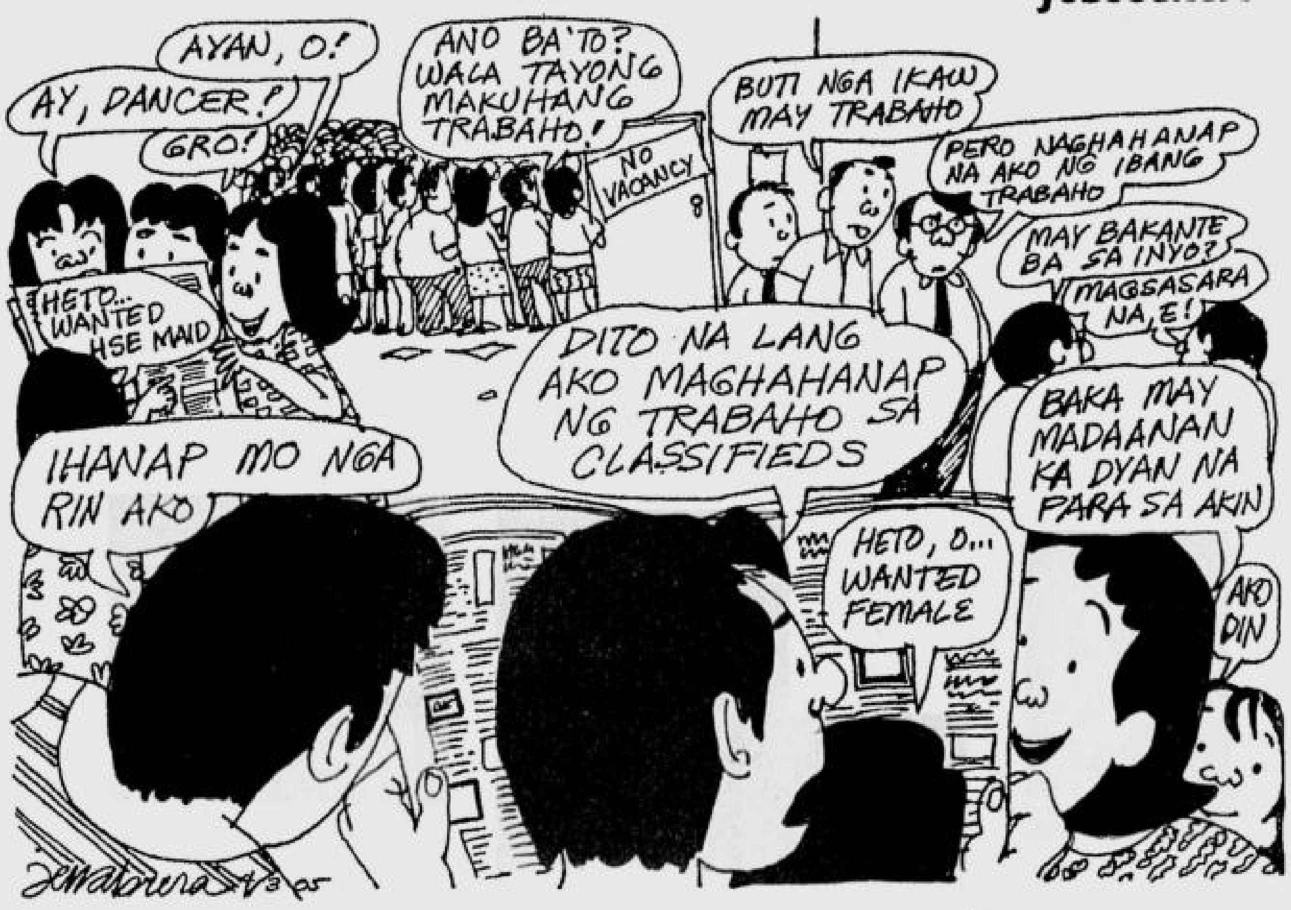
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From Dorm

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"That was in 1983, right after the Aquino assassination," he recalls. "Those were exciting times to be in the Collegian—not only were we being read, we were also being sold."

The highlight of his term as Collegian editor was learning the meaning of responsible journalism, when he had to decide whether to run an editorial that basically said that soldiers had killed Benigno Aquino Jr. In spite of pressure to run it, Lotilla decided not to, since it was based solely on the testimony of the Japanese journalist Wakamiya, who later admitted that he didn't really have a clear view of what happened.

Interestingly enough, his "Collegian" stint also gave him a foretaste of what was to come, since Manila was plagued with brownouts during his term.

"Sometimes it took us 14 days to come out with an issue because of the brownouts," he recalls. "That's why I don't want future generations to suffer the same thing."

Lotilla began teaching law even before he graduated. The light workload allowed him ample time to pursue his own research, and to finish a Master of Laws degree from the University of Michigan Law School.

"I felt that, as an academic, you're incomplete without doing basic research and extension—extension being, how can one influence public policy?"

The issues of citizenship and the national territory, and how these evolved throughout our history, are Lotilla's field of interest. He has conducted extensive research on the subject, even going as far as scouring archives in the US and Spain for primary sources. Eventually, he says, he hopes to complete a book on the subject. It will have to wait, however. Ever since he got involved in the energy sector, his own energies have been consumed in hammering out the government's policy positions and mapping out strategies for implementing them.

"We have to recognize that collectively, we are responsible for the history we have had and the society we have now," he says. "And we have the accompanying responsibility to improve it, so that future generations can inherit a better country."

Joy

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Samar, to regain strength for the 13-day run from Matnog to Manila. Riding to Allen, Samar on a rented FX, I rationalized that the narrow and poorly paved roads would have made running impossible anyway. Deep inside, though, I felt like a failure. There was no doubt in my mind that we were going to reach Pagudpud, but skipping two days in Samar meant that I wouldn't be able to feel the Philippines under my feet. "Don't be so hard on yourself," said Cesar, who himself jogged and walked before calling it a day when he had a fever in his Trans-Philippines. "You can do it!"

A good thing

While rest helped the swelling on my foot subside when we began the journey to Manila from Matnog, a stranger helped my flagging confidence. Recognizing us from the Sunday Inquirer Magazine article reporting the start of our run, Giovanni Mantociños, the municipal engineer responsible for the fabulously paved roads of Sorsogon, had us pose for pictures with his wife and young daughter and later came back with bags of pili nut. "What you're doing," he enthused, "is a good thing."

A new gameplan and mindset helped, too. Unless there were school visits, we went by our own pace, starting and stopping as we pleased. Think of it like a daily training run, suggested Mat, though in truth, the signs that we were slowly inching our way across the country were too good to miss. One day we were running with Mount Bulusan in our view; a few days later, it would be the majestic Mount Mayon. Copra was the prominent scent of the south; up north, the smell of tobacco and garlic wafted through the air.

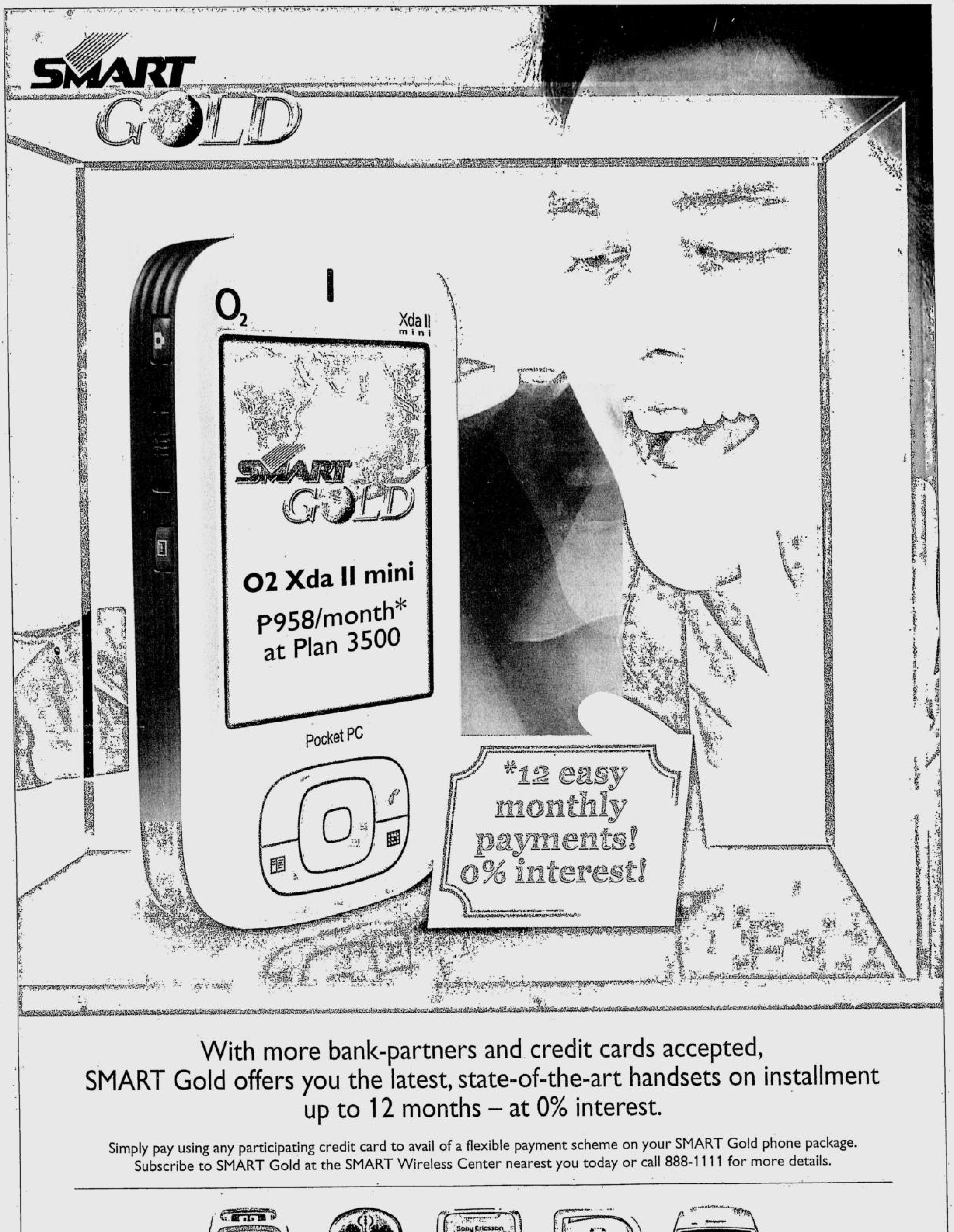
Inadvertently, we had become part of the Philippine landscape as well. "They came all the way from Davao!" exclaimed a bus conductor to commuters in Surigao City. "I saw them in Iriga," a teenager told his friends in Naga. "I've been watching you since yesterday," said a fish vendor in Pasuquin.

Finishing strong

Somewhere in La Union, I was overcome with sadness. For seven years, I had carried this dream to run across the Philippines in my mind and heart, and in a few days, it was going to be history, a memory I would fondly look back on. What I didn't expect to feel was strong. Expecting to be spent by the time we reached Pagudpud, I was surprised that Mat and I, despite the nasty cold and cough we had developed before Baguio, were running pretty well.

Well enough, in fact, to tackle the long, steep hills and downward spirals leading to our final destination. With the arch of Pagudpud within sight, Mat nudges me to the center of the road, then takes my hand and raises it in the air. At 1:49 p.m., it is all over, and we are hugging, cheering and high-fiving one another. It was an end as inconspicuous as its start. *"Ano yan, runner?"* asked a group of kids who watched us from the sidelines before they got up and left.

At night, we celebrated simply, with a dinner of fish cooked three different ways. Later, Pagudpud's cool breeze and gentle rains tempted us to turn in early. Time to dream again.



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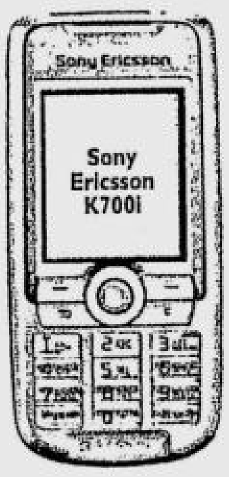

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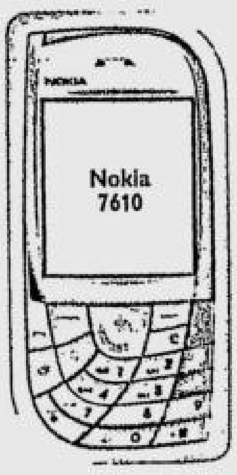

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